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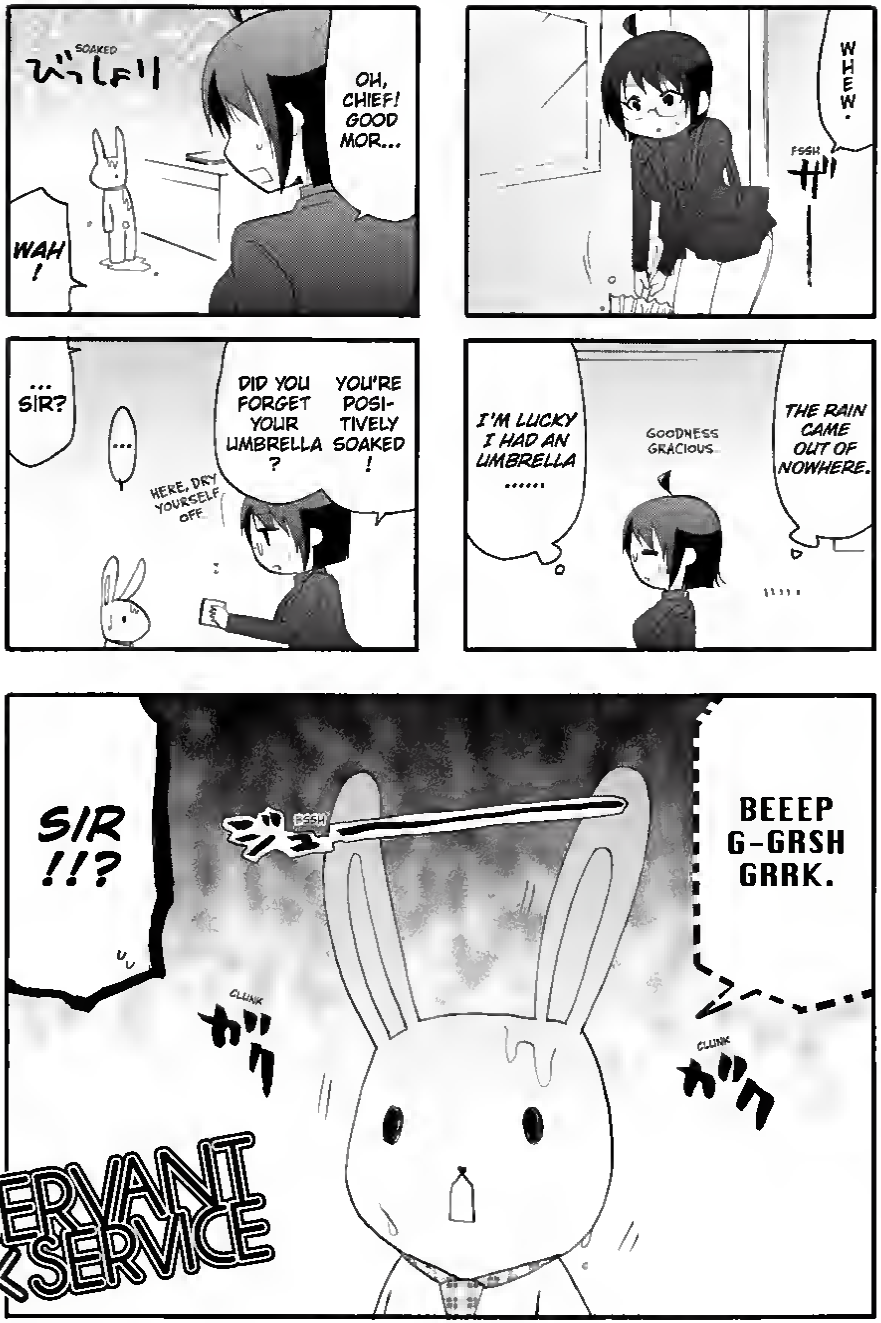

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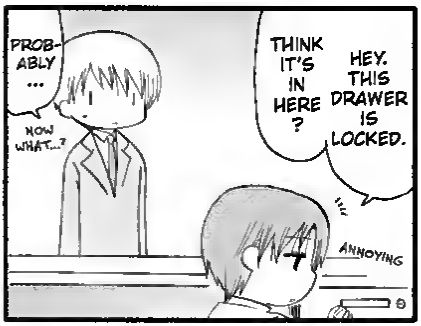

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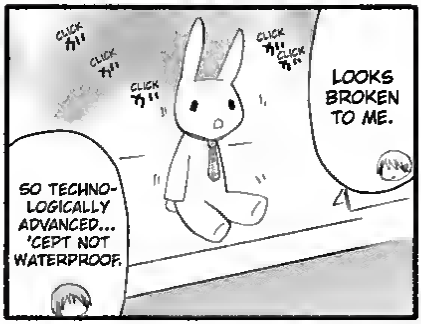
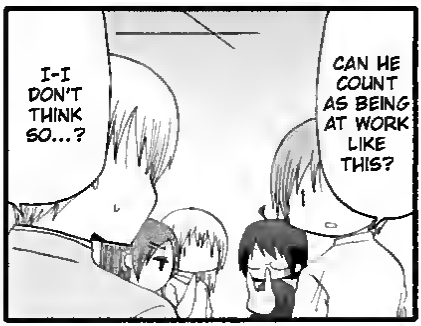
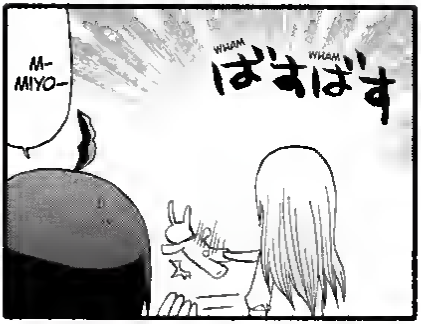
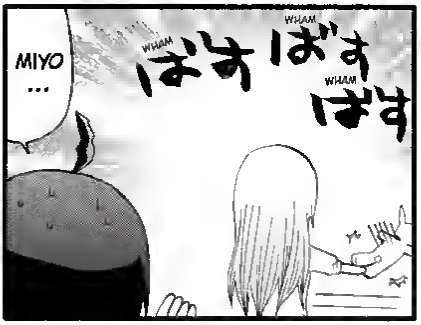
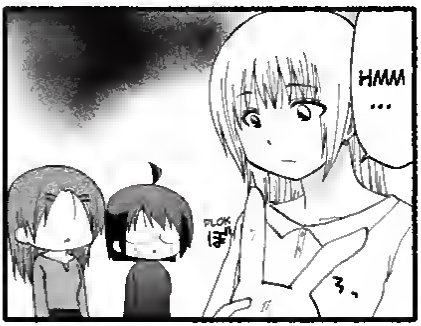


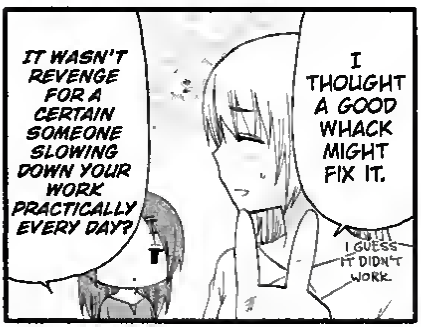


CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T TRY

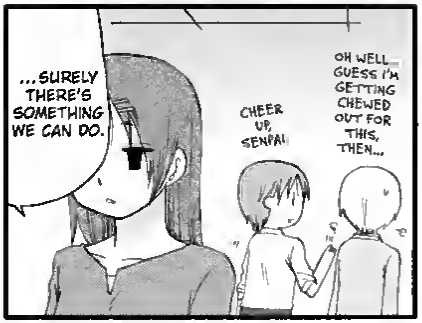


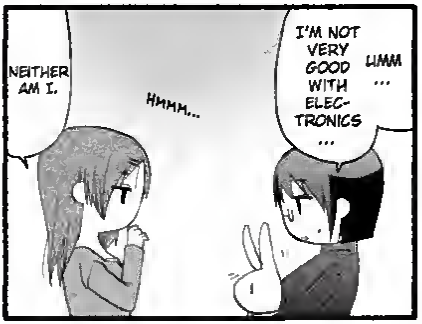


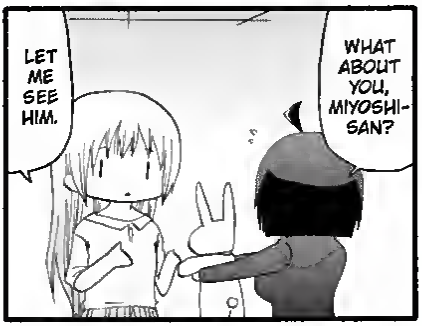



I THOUGHT A GOOD WHACK MIGHT FIX IT.
I GUESS IT DIDN'T WORK.
IT WASN'T REVENGE FOR A CERTAIN SOMEONE SLOWING DOWN YOUR WORK PRACTICALLY EVERY DAY?

HOW TO FIX ELECTRONICS







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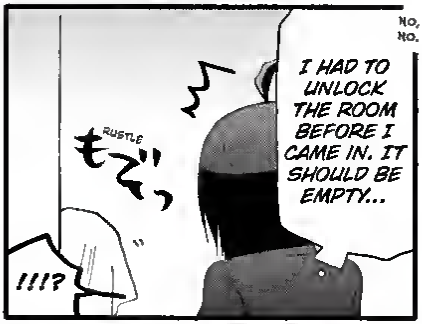

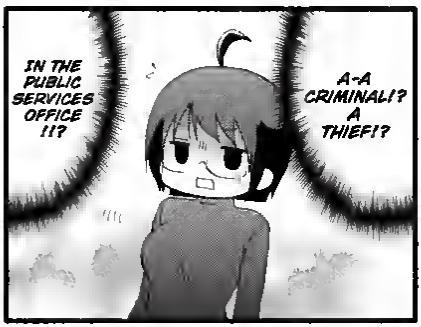

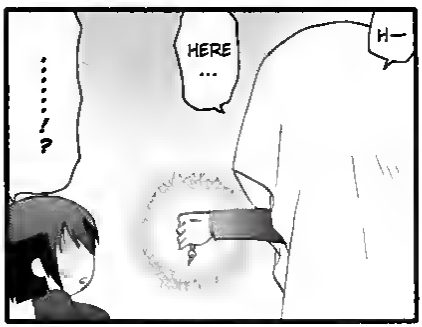

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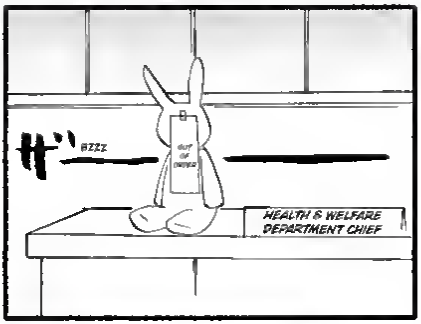
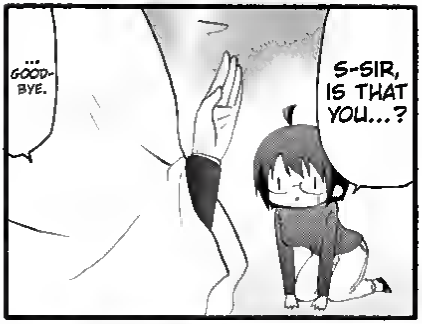
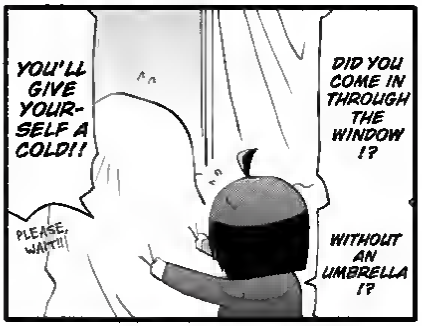
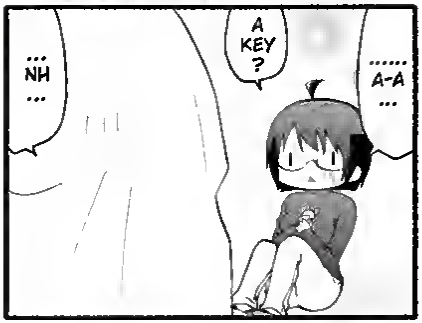


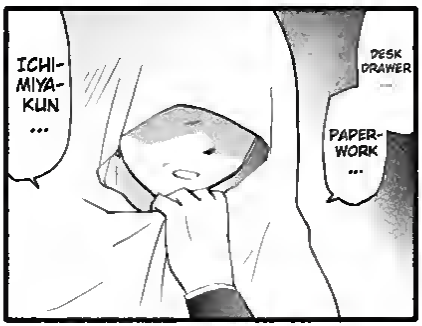
THE CHIEF UNMASKED

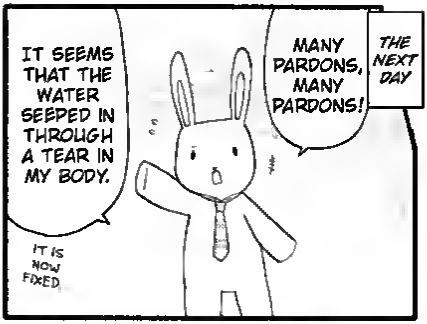


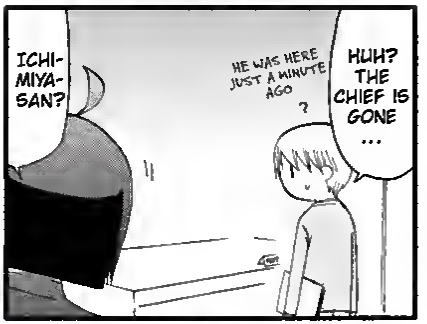


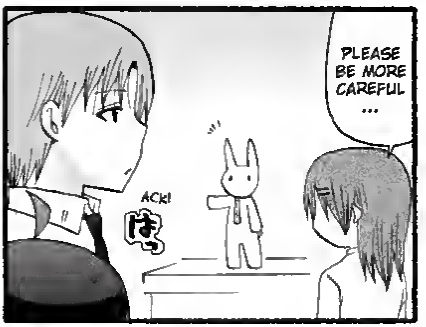
THE MISCREANT'S IDENTITY



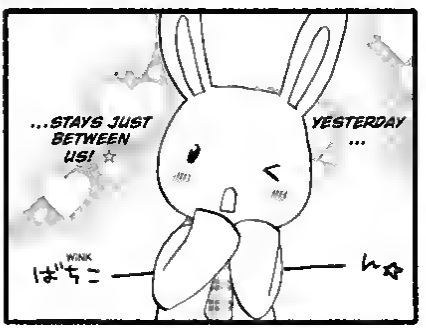



IT SEEMS THAT THE WATER SEEPED IN THROUGH A TEAR IN MY BODY.
IT IS NOW FIXED.
MANY PARDONS, MANY PARDONS!
THE NEXT DAY


ICHI-MIYA-SAN?
HE WAS HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO
?
HUH? THE CHIEF IS GONE ...


ACK!
PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL ...

WHERE DID YOU GET THIS ...?
HUH? TH-THANKS.
THIS IS THE KEY TO THE CHIEF'S DESK...
THE PAPERWORK YOU NEED SHOULD BE INSIDE.


...STAYS JUST BETWEEN US! ☆
YESTERDAY ...
WINK
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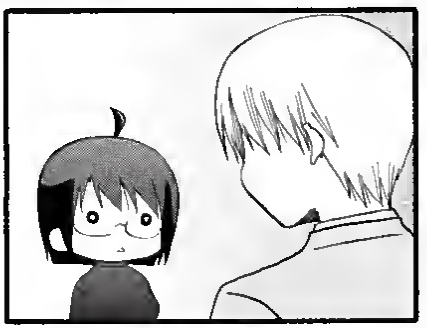
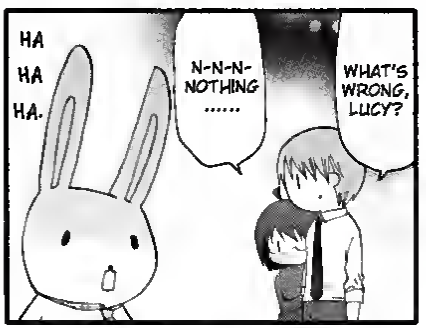
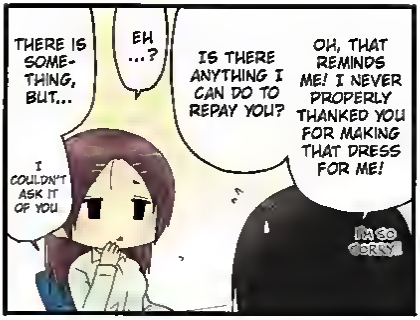
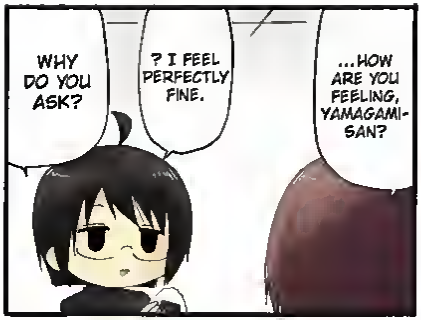
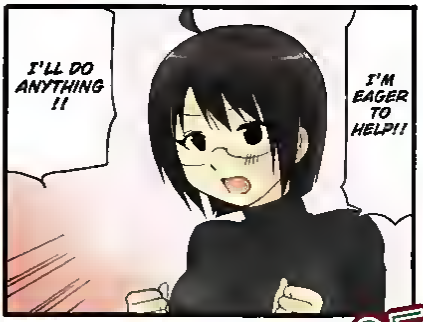


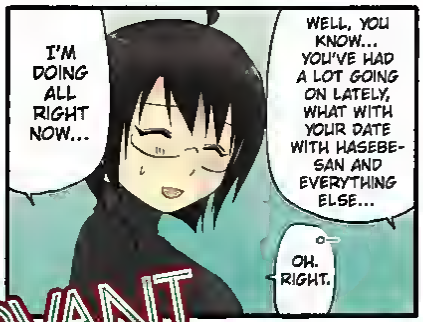

HA HA HA.
N-N-N-NOTHING .....
WHAT'S WRONG, LUCY?

I-I-I-I-I-I DIDN'T SEE A THING...
A... ARE YOU OKAY?


THERE IS SOMETHING, BUT...
EH...?
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO REPAY YOU?
OH, THAT REMINDS ME! I NEVER PROPERLY THANKED YOU FOR MAKING THAT DRESS FOR ME!
I COULDN'T ASK IT OF YOU
I'M SO SORRY!






I'M DOING ALL RIGHT NOW...
WELL, YOU KNOW... YOU'VE HAD A LOT GOING ON LATELY, WHAT WITH YOUR DATE WITH HASEBE-SAN AND EVERYTHING ELSE...
OH. RIGHT.

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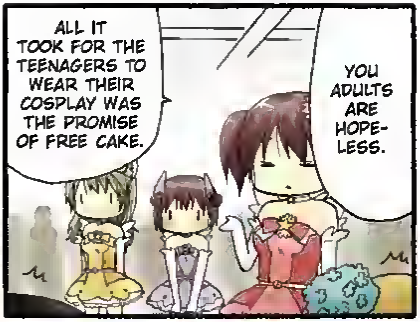
TRUST ME, IT'S OKAY

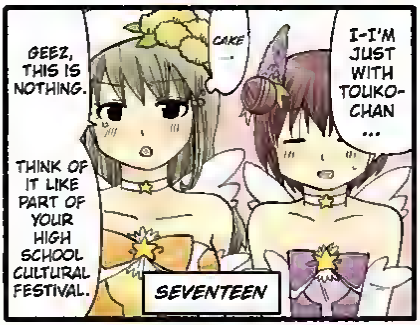
EVERYONE HERE IS COSPLAYING. IT'S OKAY. YOU WON'T STAND OUT.
I'M TOO EMBARRASSED ...
DRAG
DRAG
THIS EVENT IS FOR WOMEN ONLY. IT'S OKAY.
BUT SO MANY PEOPLE WILL BE LOOKING AT ME...
DRAG
DRAG
IT'S OKAY.
BUT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING ANYTHING LIKE THIS...
DRAG
DRAG
MIYO-SHI-SAN !!?
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE.

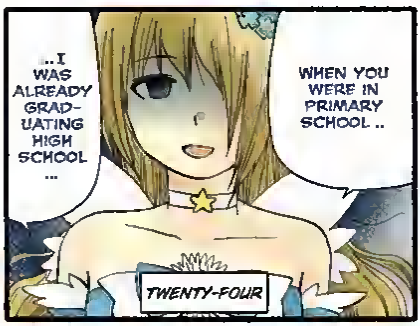
THIS IS BEING GROWN-UP TOO

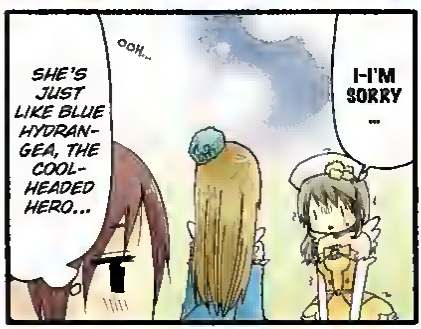
I... I...
URGH ...
ROSE BLACK IS THE PERFECT COSPLAY FOR YOU ...
I'LL NEVER SAY "I'LL DO ANYTHING" WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES AGAIN...
FIRST THE DATE, NOW THIS
I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON.
FORCING YOU TO COSPLAY WAS A WORTHWHILE ENDEAVOR ...
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'VE TAKEN ONE MORE STEP INTO ADULTHOOD.
PLEASE LET ME OFF THE HOOK !!!!
DRAG
DRAG
WITH THAT SAID, LET'S ENJOY OURSELVES.
NOW.

ADULT AND CHILDREN

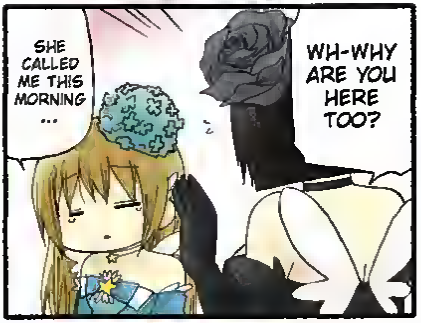


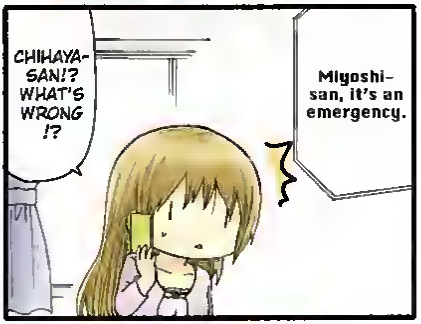


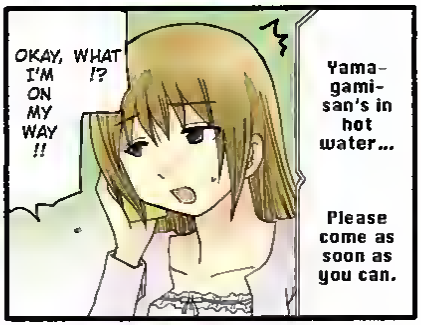


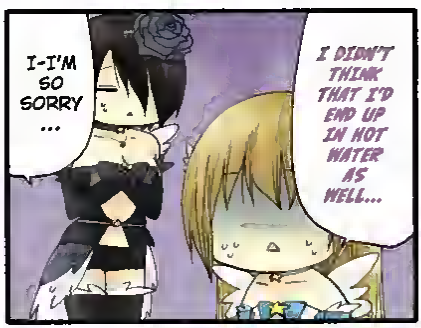


IN HOT WATER

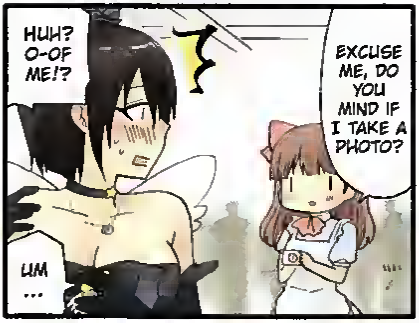


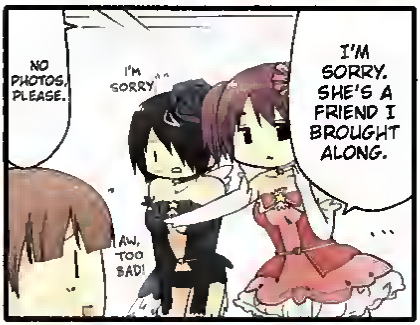


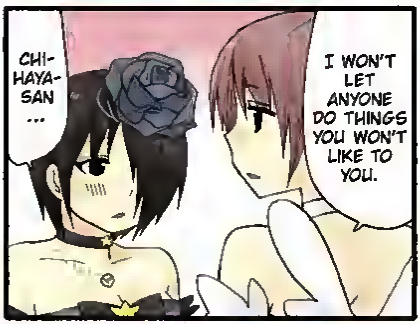


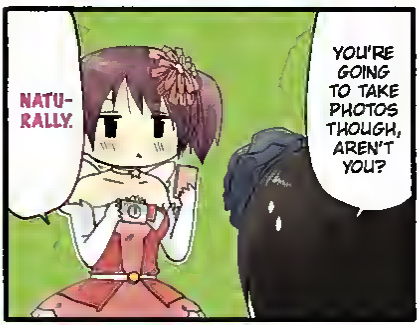


MY YAMAGAMI-SAN

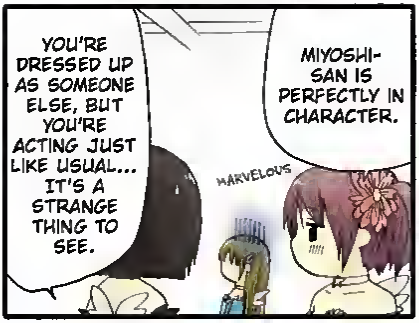


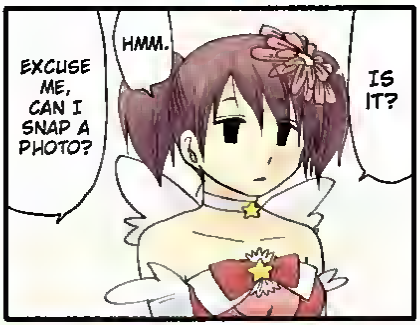


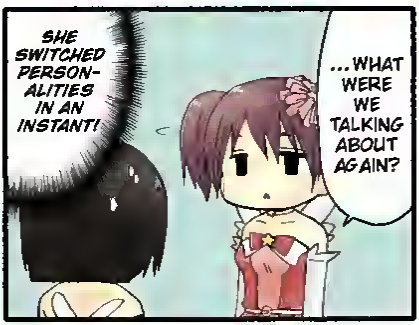




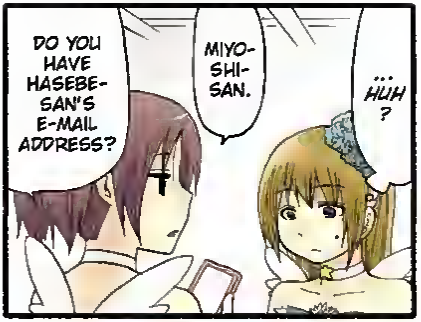
PERFECT ACTING

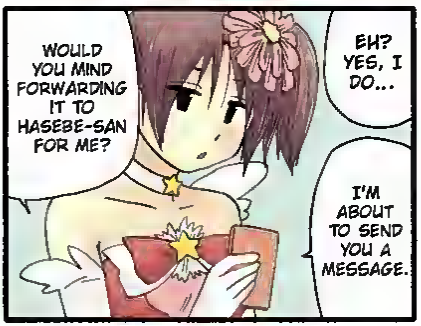

YOU'RE DRESSED UP AS SOMEONE ELSE, BUT YOU'RE ACTING JUST LIKE USUAL... IT'S A STRANGE THING TO SEE.
MIYOSHI-SAN IS PERFECTLY IN CHARACTER.
MARVELOUS

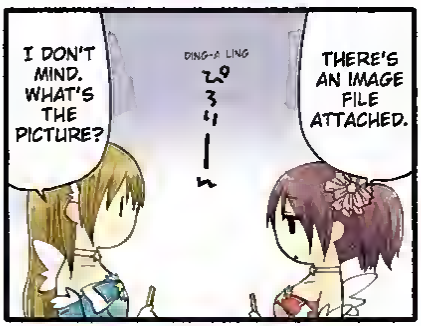


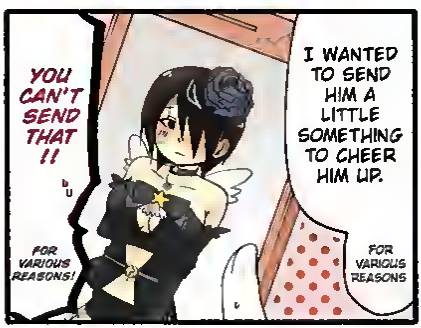


HER KIND OF APOLOGY

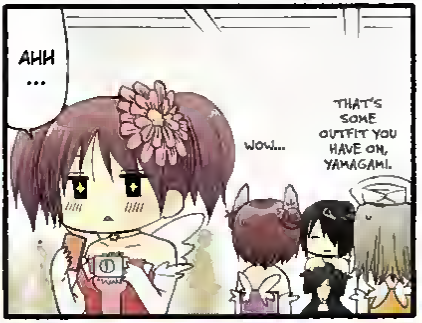


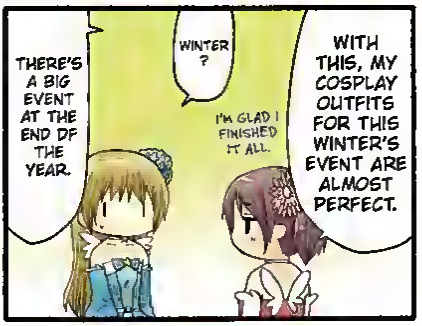


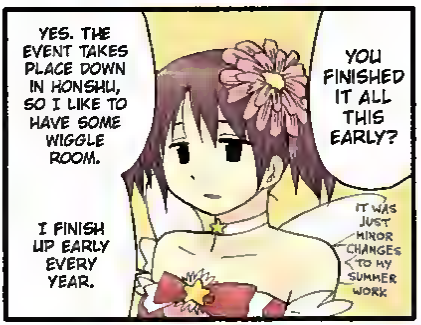


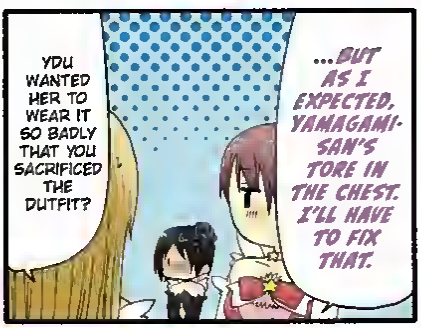


THE IMPORTANCE OF WIGGLE ROOM

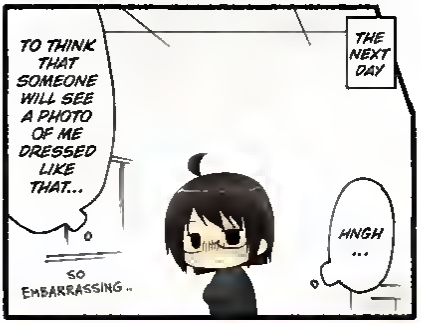


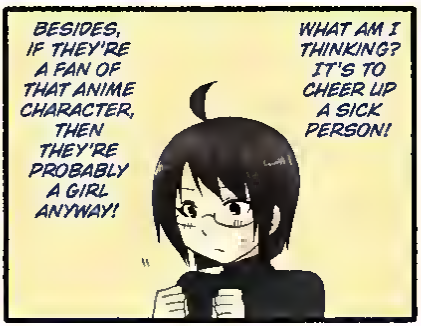

THERE'S A BIG EVENT AT THE END OF THE YEAR.
WINTER?
I'M GLAD I FINISHED IT ALL.
WITH THIS, MY COSPLAY OUTFITS FOR THIS WINTER'S EVENT ARE ALMOST PERFECT.

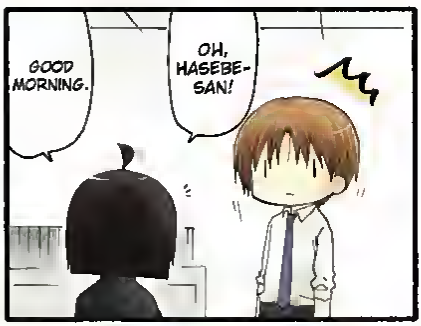

YES. THE EVENT TAKES PLACE DOWN IN HONSHU, SO I LIKE TO HAVE SOME WIGGLE ROOM.
I FINISH UP EARLY EVERY YEAR.
YOU FINISHED IT ALL THIS EARLY?
IT WAS JUST MINOR CHANGES TO MY SUMMER WORK

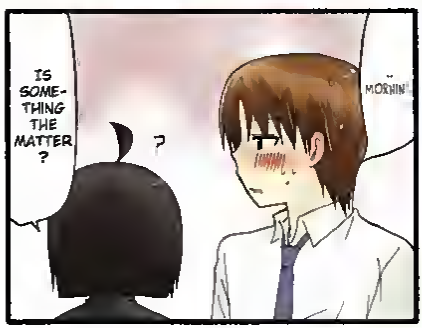

YOU WANTED HER TO WEAR IT SO BADLY THAT YOU SACRIFICED THE OUTFIT?
...BUT AS I EXPECTED, YAMAGAMI-SAN'S TORE IN THE CHEST. I'LL HAVE TO FIX THAT.

ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY...?

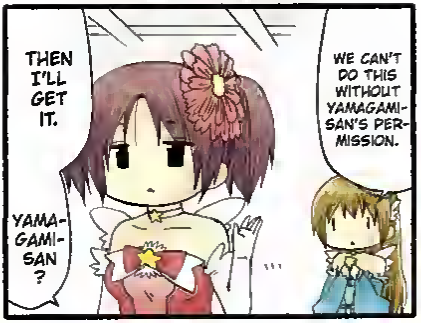


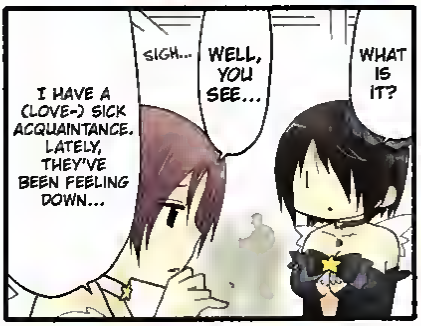

BESIDES, IF THEY'RE A FAN OF THAT ANIME CHARACTER, THEN THEY'RE PROBABLY A GIRL ANYWAY!
WHAT AM I THINKING? IT'S TO CHEER UP A SICK PERSON!

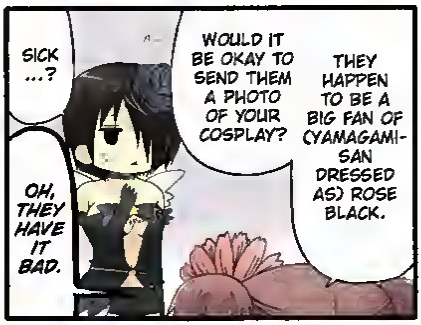


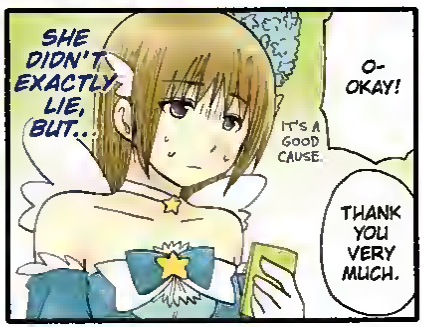


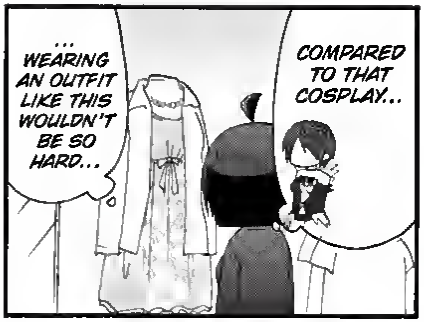
IT'S THE TRUTH






SICK...?
OH, THEY HAVE IT BAD.
WOULD IT BE OKAY TO SEND THEM A PHOTO OF YOUR COSPLAY?
THEY HAPPEN TO BE A BIG FAN OF (YAMAGAMI-SAN DRESSED AS) ROSE BLACK.





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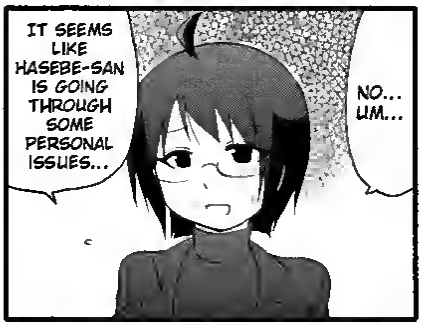
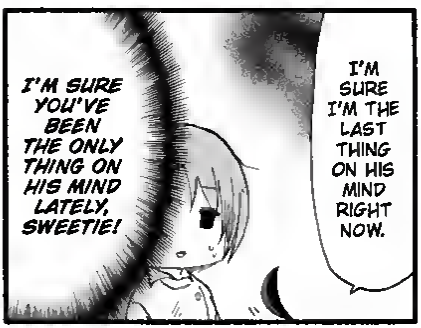
HOPELESS BABY BROTHER

WE SNATCHED YUU-KUN AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR DATE, REMEMBER?
UMMM, WELL ...
WHAT IS HE THINKING!?
OH MY GOD! YUU-KUN DIDN'T TELL HER THE TRUTH BEHIND HER NAME!?





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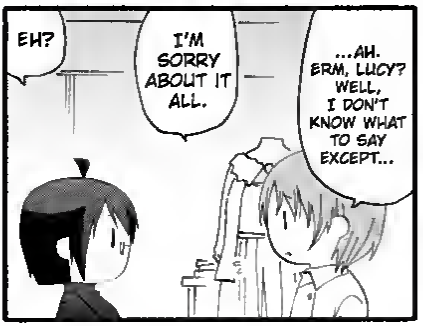
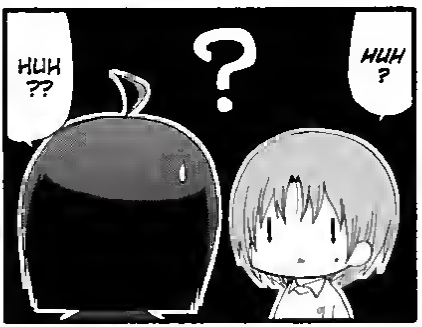
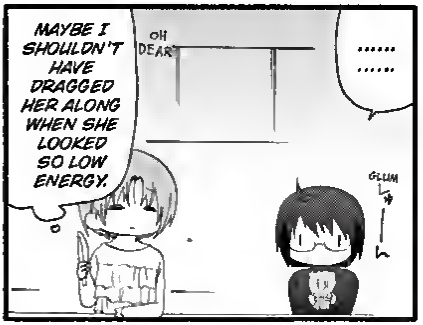
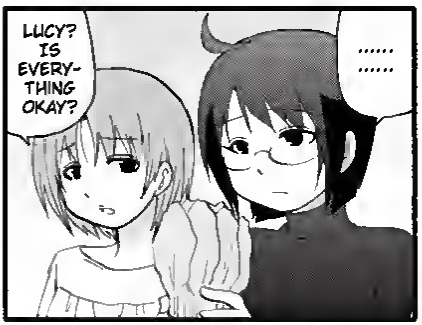
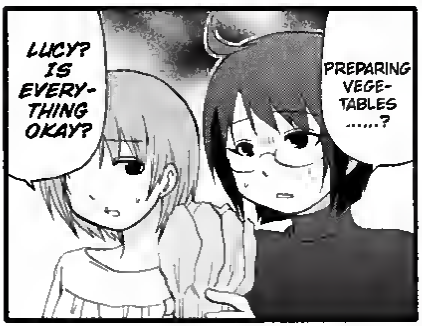




HER CONCERN







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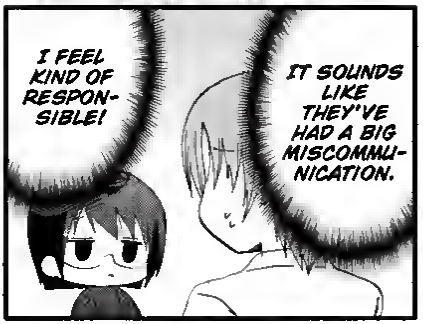

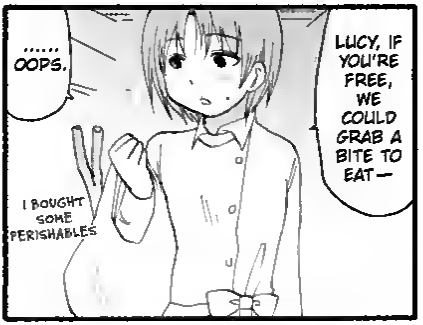

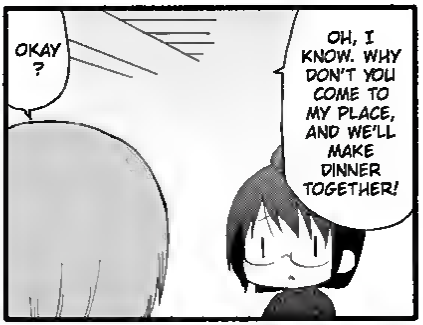

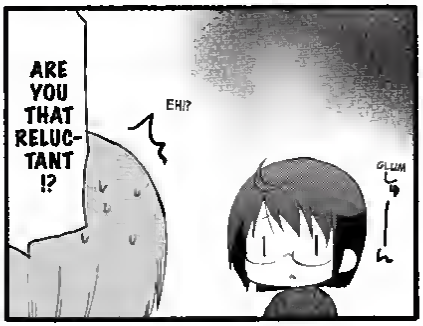

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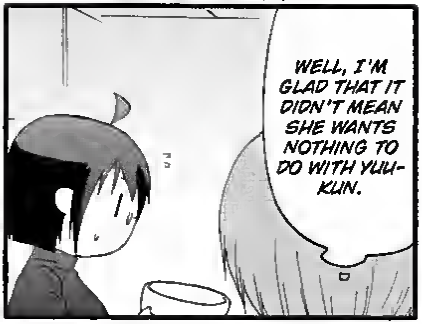
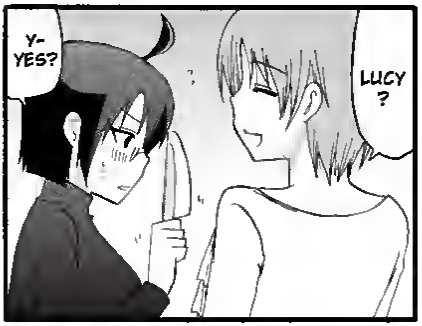
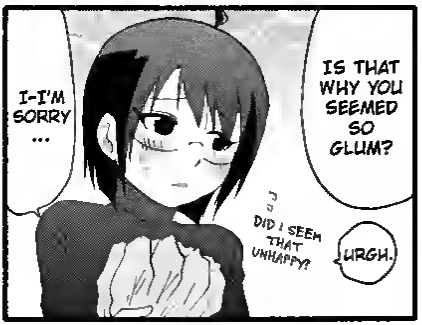


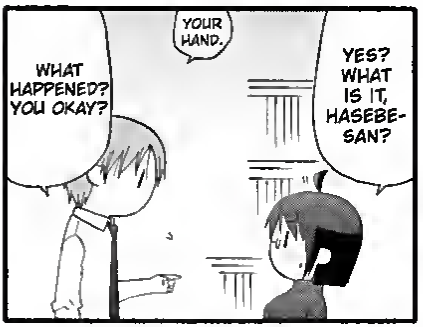


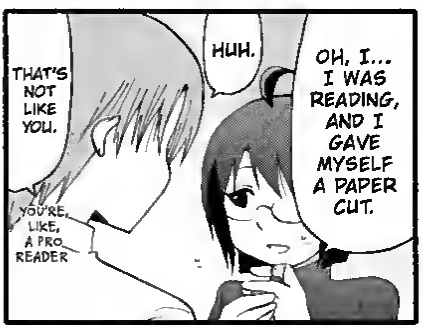
THE PATH TO COOKING

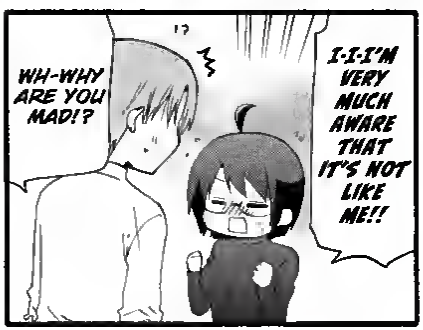


BROKE HER HEART
I WANTED TO TEASE YOU A LITTLE. I COULDN'T HELP IT!!
I'M KIDDING !!
..... P-PLEASE FORGET I ASKED...
HOME COOKING!!
NORMAL COOKING!!
HE LIKES EVERYDAY COOKING!
MAKE SOME FOR HIM!!
OH, LUCY, I'M SORRY!
PLEASE FORGET I EVER ASKED ...
I'LL TEACH YOU!!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED WHEN I CAN'T EVEN COOK EVERYDAY FOOD...
I'LL TEACH YOU SOOO MUCH!!
I'M SORRY.
TO HELP YUU-KUN
OH, YUU-KUN, I'M SORRY YOUR BIG SIS COULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP...
DANGEROUS FOR LUCY'S FINGERS
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS TO PRY ABOUT LUCY'S FEELINGS FOR YUU-KUN RIGHT NOW.
...WHAT KIND OF DISHES DOES HASEBE-SAN LIKE?
HMM ?
..... KAORU-SAN?
!!?
FOIE GRAS WITH SAUTÉED APPLES IN A BOUCHÉE PASTRY.

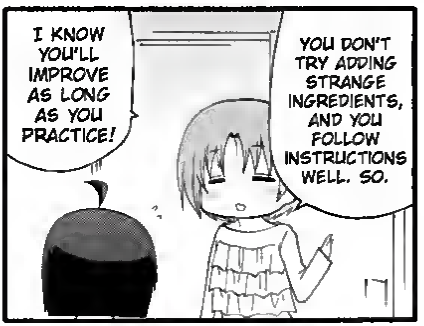
FRUSTRATING FEELINGS



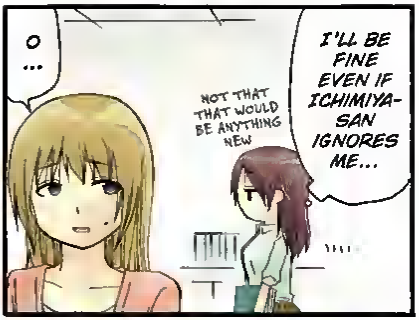


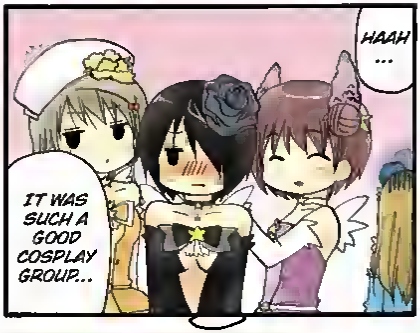


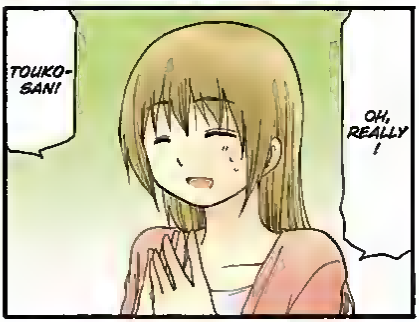
TIME AND EFFORT

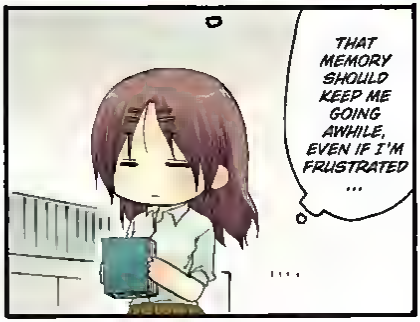

I KNOW YOU'LL IMPROVE AS LONG AS YOU PRACTICE!
YOU DON'T TRY ADDING STRANGE INGREDIENTS, AND YOU FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS WELL. SO.

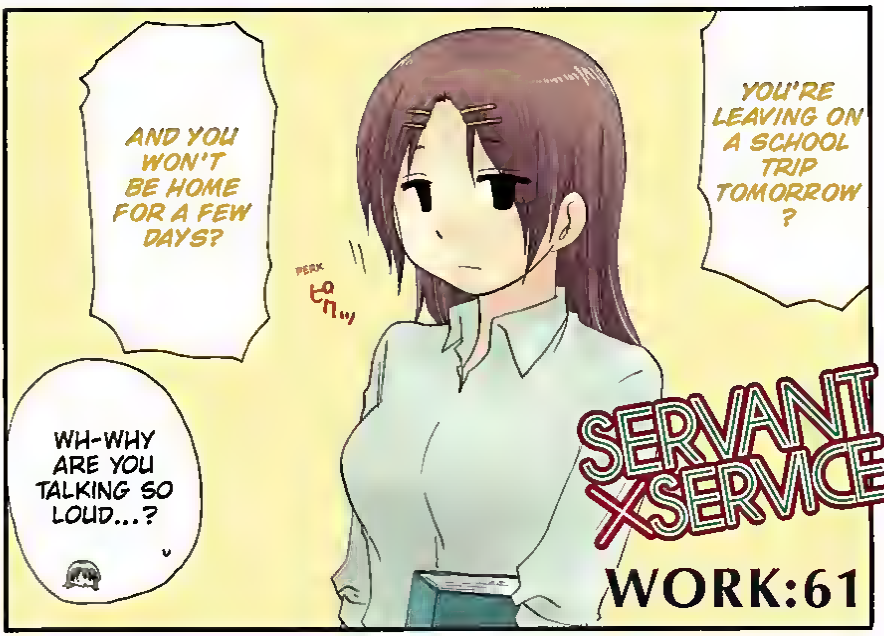
TASTE IT WHEN YOU GET HOME, OKAY?
EVEN THOUGH WE STARTED AT SIX!!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO KEEP YOU BUSY ALMOST UNTIL THE LAST TRAIN OF THE NIGHT...


O...
I'LL BE FINE EVEN IF ICHIMIYA-SAN IGNORES ME...
NOT THAT THAT WOULD BE ANYTHING NEW


HAAH...
IT WAS SUCH A GOOD COSPLAY GROUP...


TOUKO-SAN!
OH, REALLY!


THAT MEMORY SHOULD KEEP ME GOING AWHILE, EVEN IF I'M FRUSTRATED...


YOU'RE LEAVING ON A SCHOOL TRIP TOMORROW?
AND YOU WON'T BE HOME FOR A FEW DAYS?
PERK
WH-WHY ARE YOU TALKING SO LOUD...?
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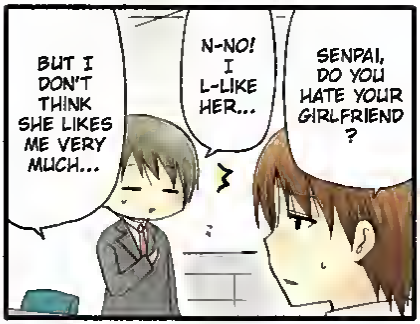
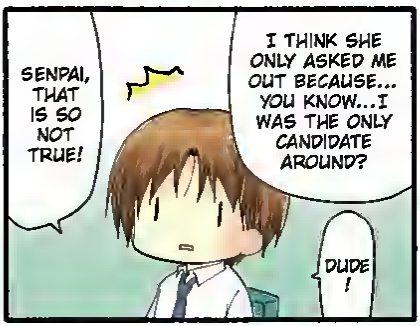
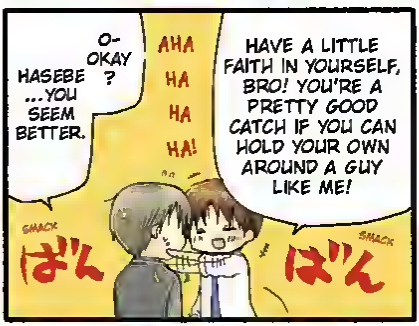
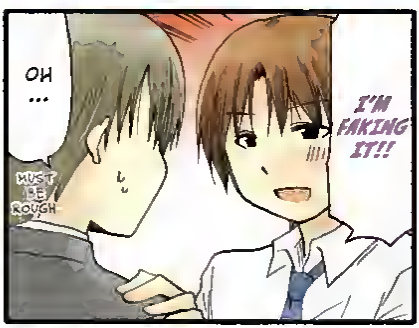
CHEER UP, DUDE

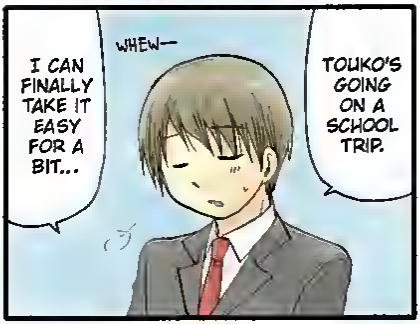


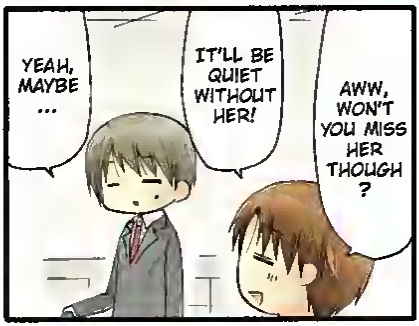



HASEBE ...YOU SEEM BETTER.
O-OKAY ?
AHA HA HA HA!
HAVE A LITTLE FAITH IN YOURSELF, BRO! YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD CATCH IF YOU CAN HOLD YOUR OWN AROUND A GUY LIKE ME!
SMACK ばん
SMACK ばん

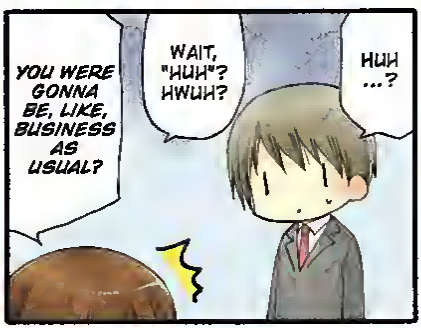


TOUKO'S ABSENCE

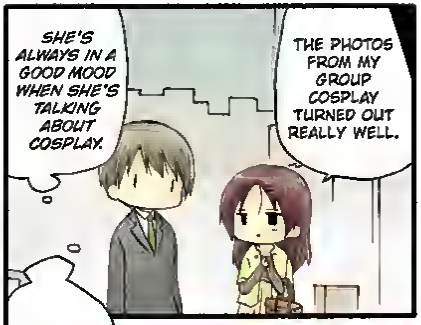


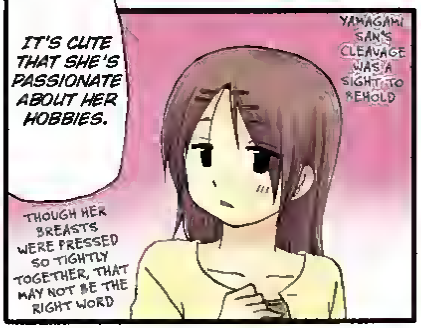


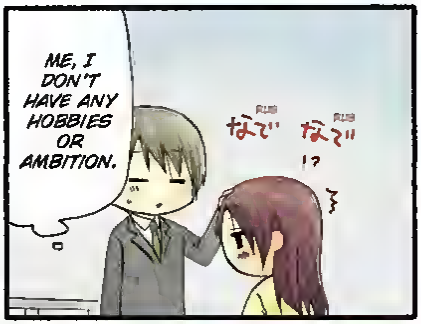
IT'LL BE LIKE A HOLIDAY.
BUT HEY, WHILE YOUR KEEPER TOUKO-CHAN IS AWAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR SPECIAL LADY SOME SPECIAL ATTENTION.

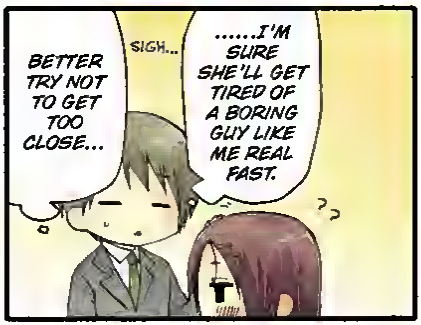


HER ENTHUSIASM ①




IT'S CUTE THAT SHE'S PASSIONATE ABOUT HER HOBBIES.
YAMAGAMI SAN'S CLEAVAGE WAS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD
THOUGH HER BREASTS WERE PRESSED SO TIGHTLY TOGETHER, THAT MAY NOT BE THE RIGHT WORD





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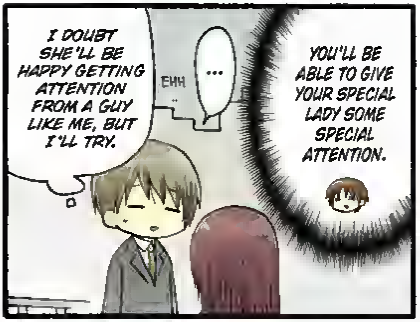
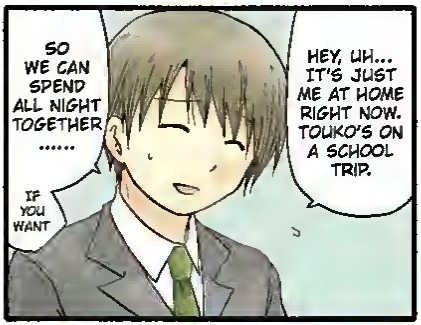
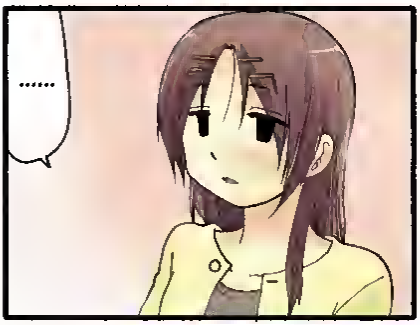
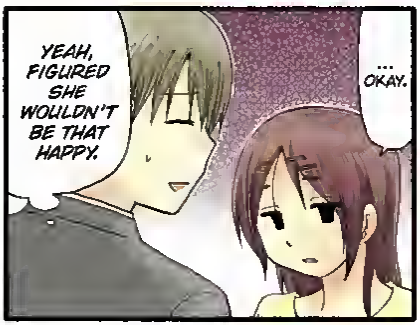

I DOUBT SHE'LL BE HAPPY GETTING ATTENTION FROM A GUY LIKE ME, BUT I'LL TRY.
EHH
...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOUR SPECIAL LADY SOME SPECIAL ATTENTION.







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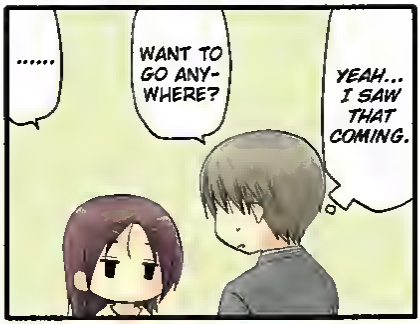

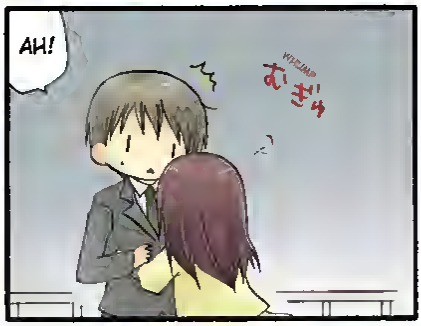

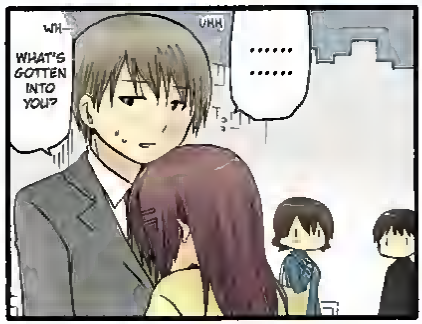

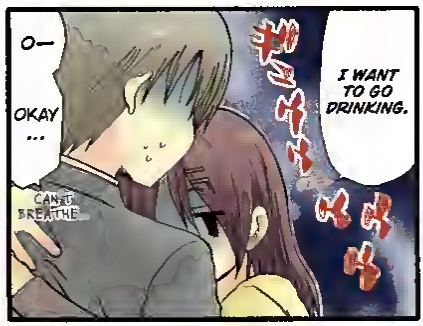

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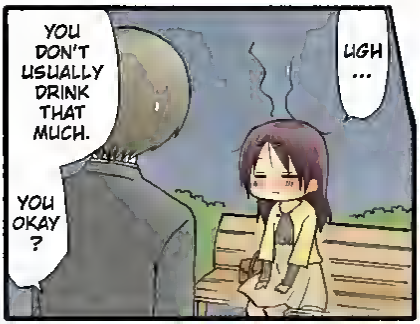

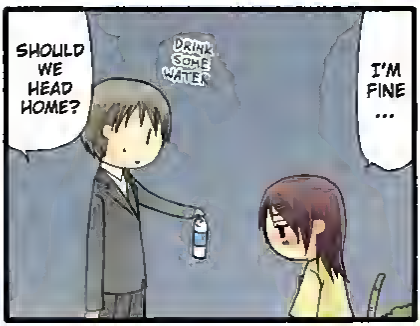

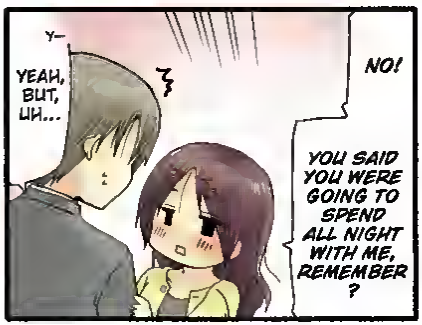

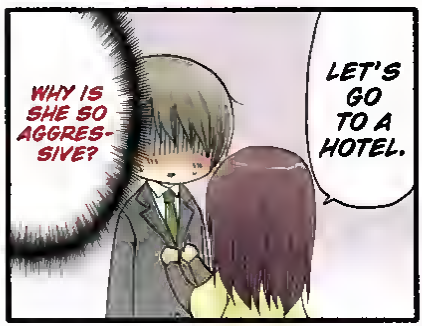

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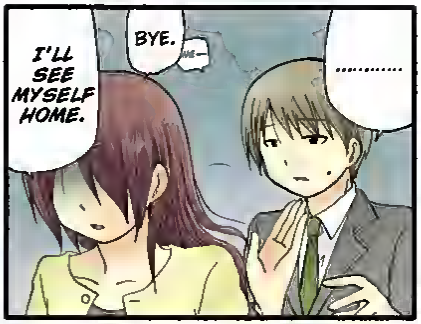

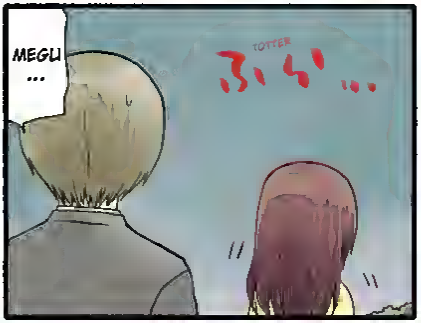

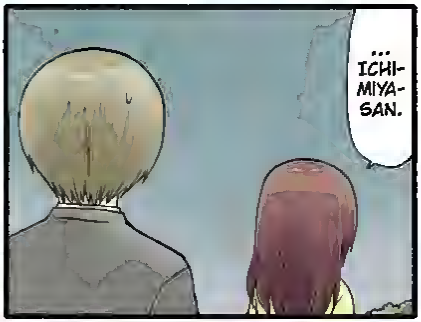

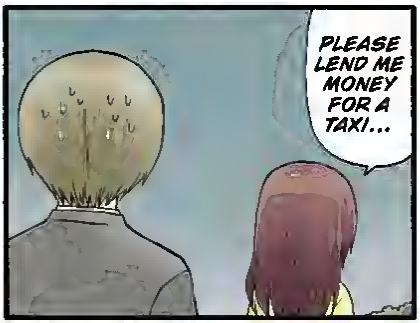

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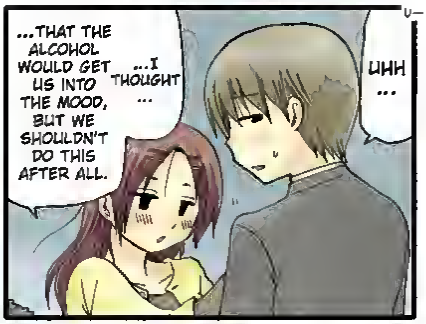
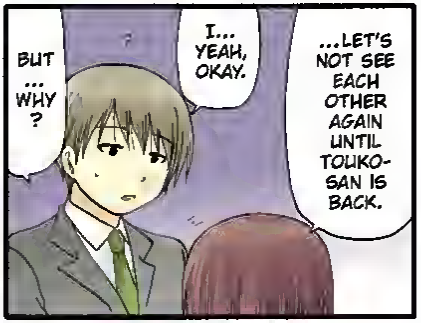
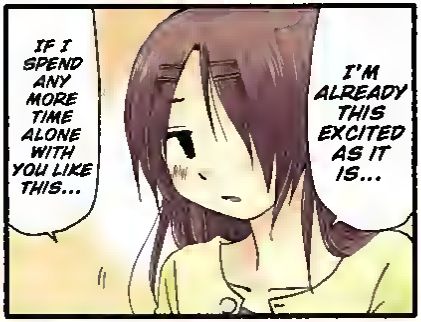
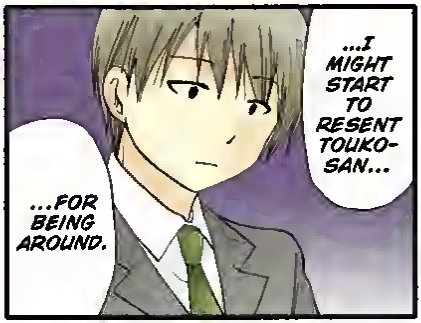
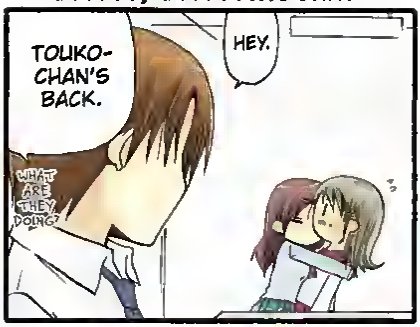
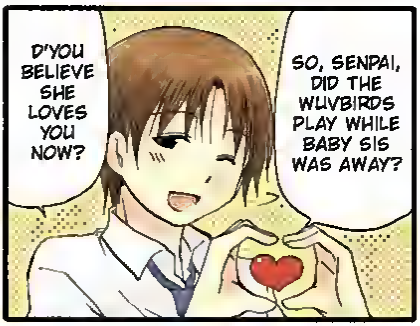


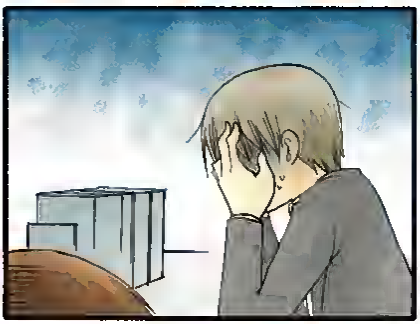


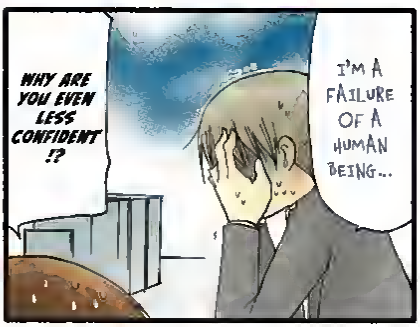


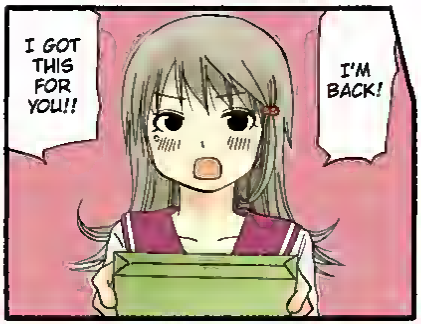


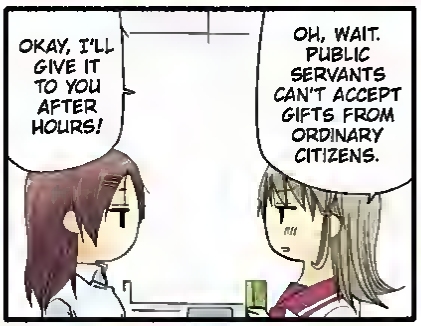

TOUKO-CHAN'S BACK.
HEY.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

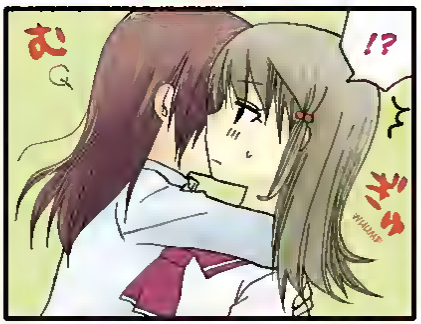

D'YOU BELIEVE SHE LOVES YOU NOW?
SO, SENPAI, DID THE WUVBIRDS PLAY WHILE BABY SIS WAS AWAY?




WHY ARE YOU EVEN LESS CONFIDENT !?
I'M A FAILURE OF A HUMAN BEING...


I GOT THIS FOR YOU!!
I'M BACK!


OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AFTER HOURS!
OH, WAIT. PUBLIC SERVANTS CAN'T ACCEPT GIFTS FROM ORDINARY CITIZENS.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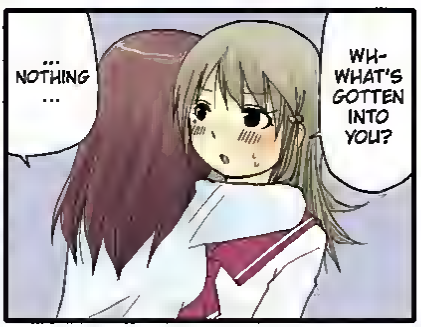
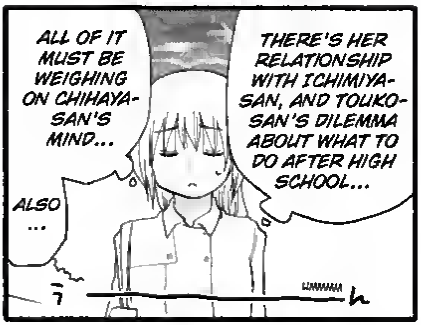

... NOTHING ...
WH-WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

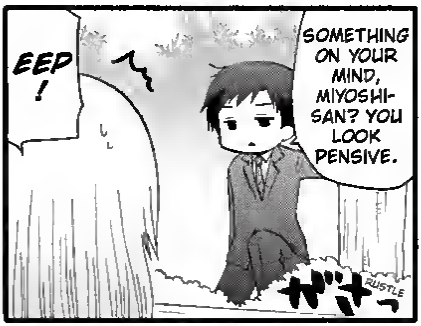
CHIHAYA-SAN, ARE YOU QUITE ALL RIGHT?
HOW DO I GET ICHIMIYA-SAN TO FALL FOR ME?
I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT WHAT'S YOUR CUP SIZE?
CHIHAYA-SAN!
SERIOUS
WHAT IF THEY WERE AS BIG AS THOSE...?
...IS IT BECAUSE MY BOOBS ARE TOO SMALL ...?
YOU'RE THE PERFECT SIZE!!
THAT'S THE PERFECT SIZE!!
IT'S D.
THAT LOOKS VERY... SERIOUS ...
CLUTCH
もいっ
YAMA-GAMI-SAN...
CHIHAYA-SAN, YOU'RE PERFECT JUST AS YOU ARE!!

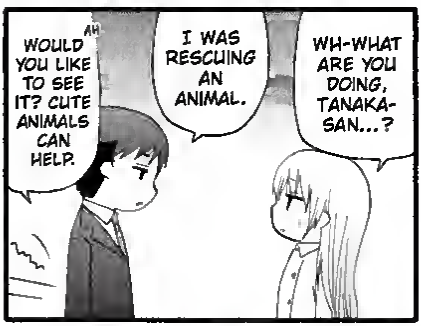
DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE WALKED HOME TOGETHER RECENTLY?
YEAH, WHEN YOU WENT ALL SHAMAN ON ME?
MY CURSE WORKED!
WELL, APPARENTLY A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE SAW US TOGETHER.
FOR REALS !?
GOODNESS. I HAD QUITE A TIME DISTILLING THEIR MISUNDER-STANDING.
MY FRIENDS ARE SUCH WORRYWARTS.
? ? MY BAD
DID THEY THINK SHE WAS ON A DATE WITH HER BOYFRIEND?
SHE SAID, "ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL END UP BUYING BOGUS POWER STONES OR SOMETHING!!"
A ROMANCE SCAM!

I NEED YOU TO GIVE ME SOME SPACE FOR A WHILE.
I'M SORRY.
SIGH.
I...
.....
UH
MEGU—
ICHI-MIYA-SAN.
UM...
...CHI-HAYA-SAN.
PUNCH
WHA!?
DASH
だ、
I'M TOO BUSY THINKING OF WHICH OUTFIT TO MAKE NEXT!!
SERVANT X SERVICE
WORK:62

THOUGH CURIOUS


ALL OF IT MUST BE WEIGHING ON CHIHAYA-SAN'S MIND...
THERE'S HER RELATIONSHIP WITH ICHIMIYA-SAN, AND TOUKO-SAN'S DILEMMA ABOUT WHAT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL...
ALSO ...
UMMMM





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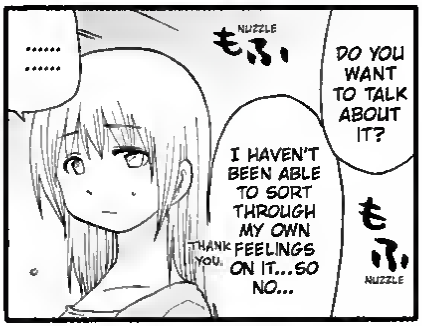

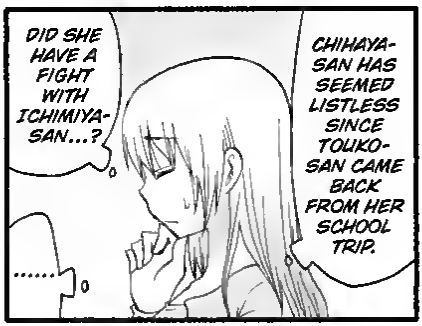

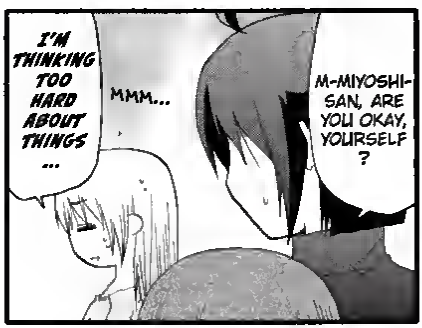

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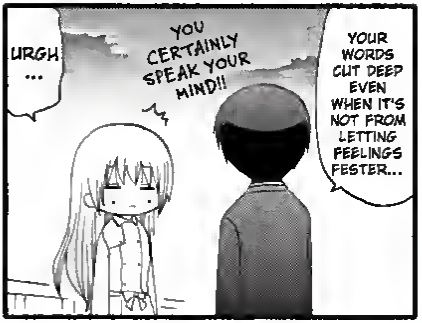
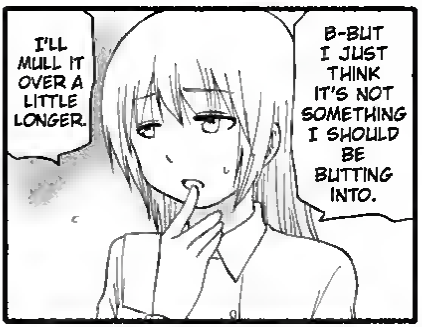
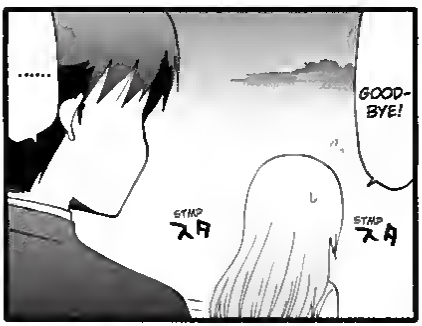
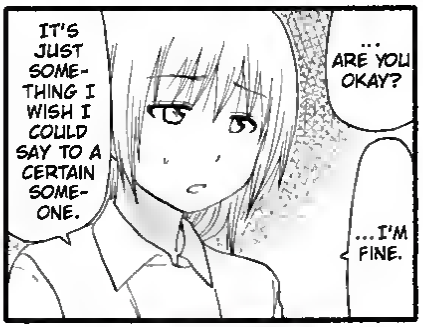






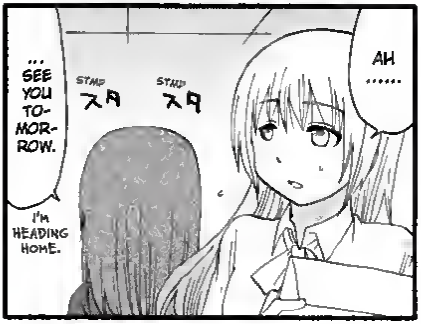
REGRETS ARE NO GOOD

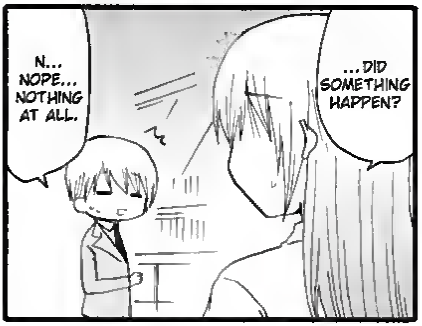
TH... THAT'S NICE.
IT'S NOT CUTE, THEN?
IT'S NOT POISONOUS, BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO MOVE IT SOMEWHERE WITHOUT FOOT TRAFFIC.
SIGH.

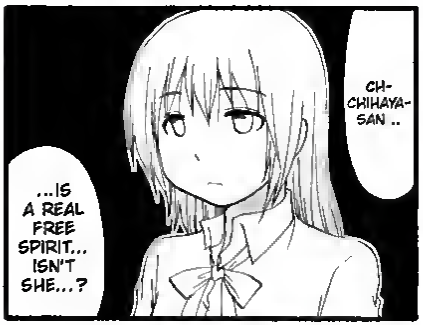


EVENTUALLY, IT WILL ALL COME OUT AT ONCE. YOU'LL END UP SAYING MORE THAN YOU MEAN TO, AND YOU'LL REGRET IT.
IT'S NOT GOOD TO LET BAD FEELINGS WELL UP INSIDE.

FLIPPED HER SWITCH







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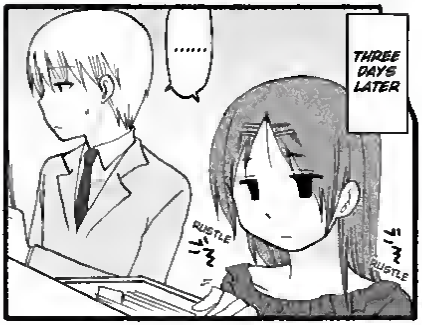

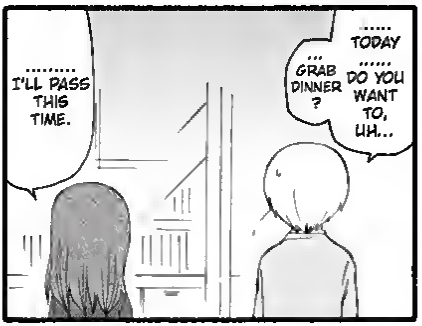

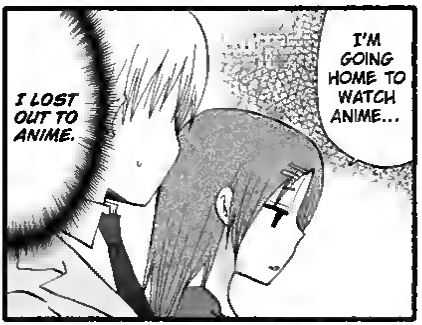

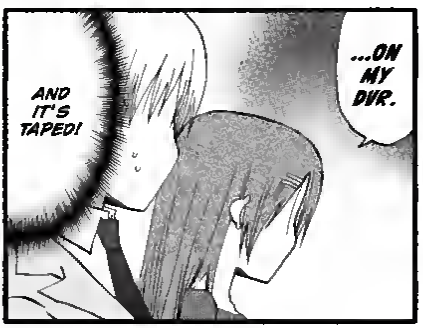

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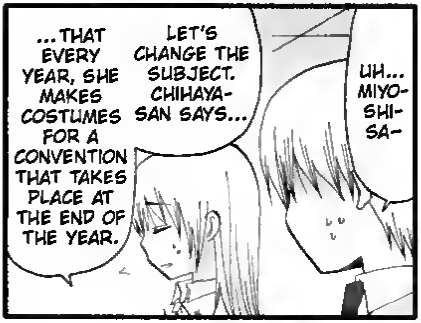
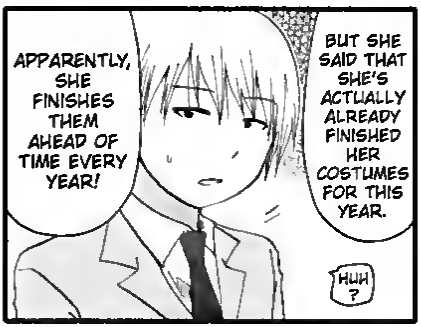
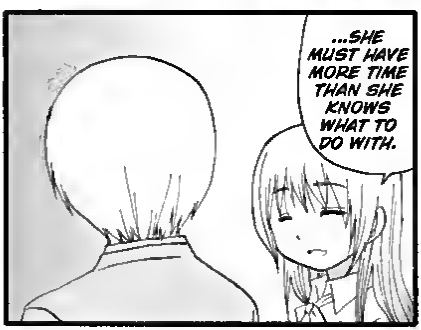

...THAT EVERY YEAR, SHE MAKES COSTUMES FOR A CONVENTION THAT TAKES PLACE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.
LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT. CHIHAYA-SAN SAYS...
UH... MIYO-SHI-SA-


APPARENTLY, SHE FINISHES THEM AHEAD OF TIME EVERY YEAR!
BUT SHE SAID THAT SHE'S ACTUALLY ALREADY FINISHED HER COSTUMES FOR THIS YEAR.
HUH?



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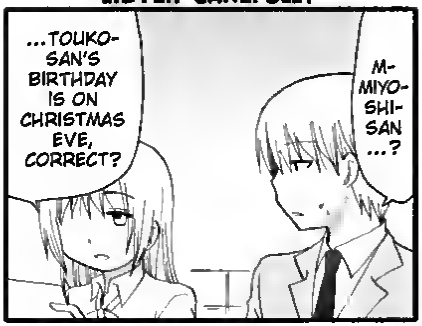

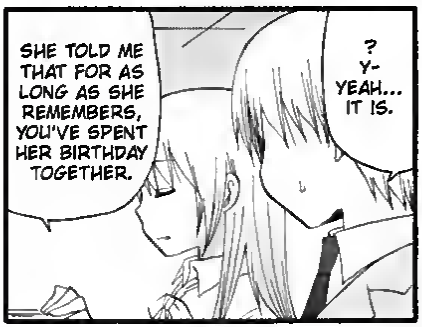

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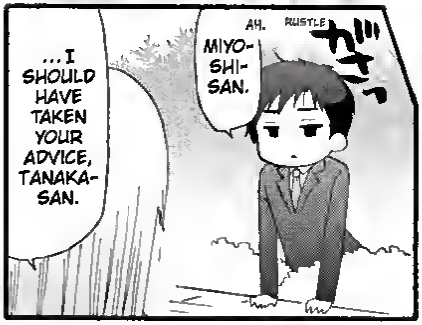

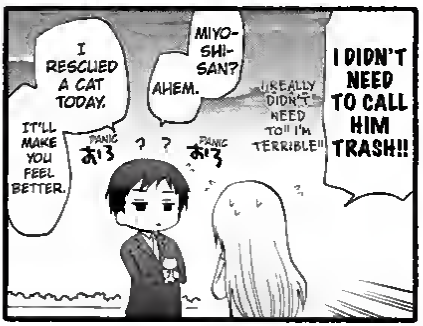

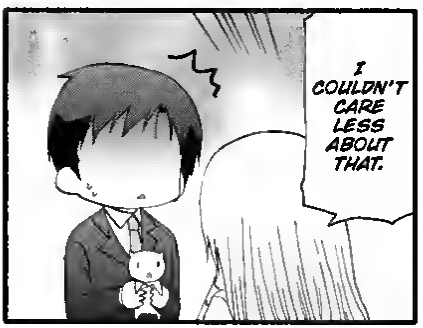

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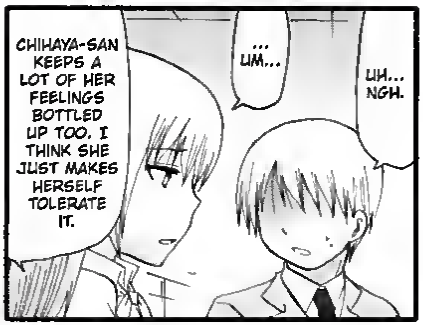

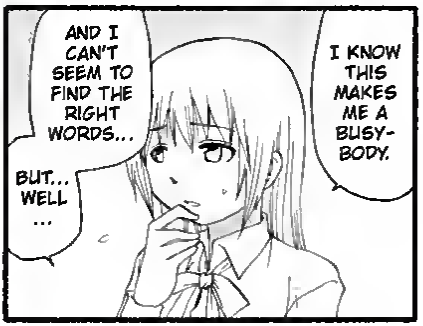

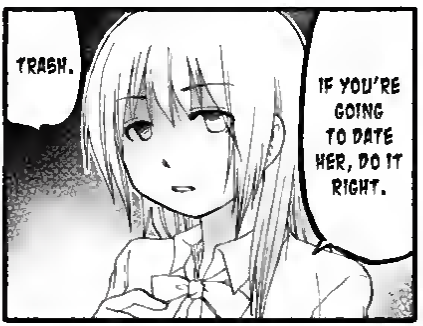

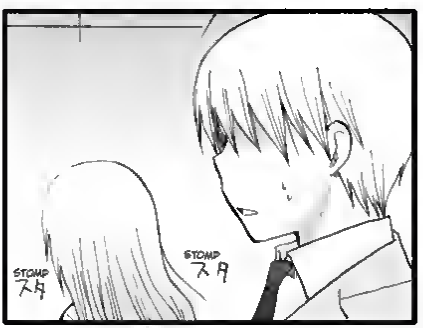

.....
GAR-BELLA SHINING ...
TRANS-FORM !
MAGICAL FLOWERS GARBELLA PINK!
... IT'S TIME ...
... WE BROKE UP.
I'M NOT PAYING ANY ATTEN-TION.
... ...
FZZT
SERVANT X SERVICE
...WHAT IF HE'S BEEN THINKING THAT?
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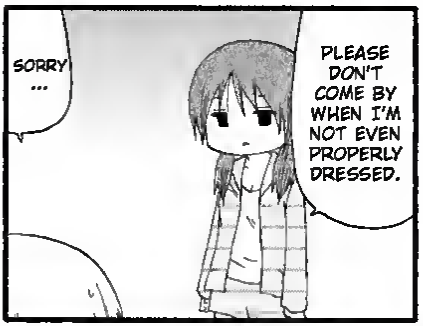
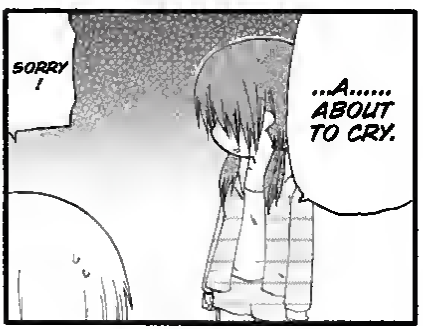
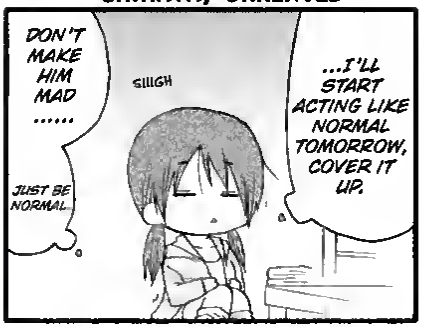
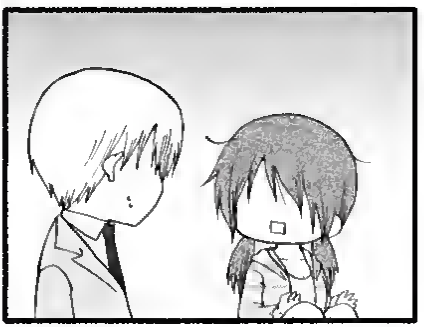
AT SUCH AN IMPROPER TIME...





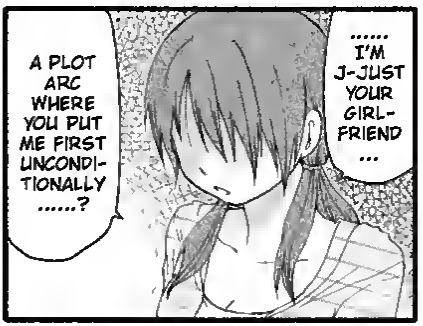
CHIHAYA, UNNERVED





YOU PUT HER FIRST UNCONDITIONALLY BECAUSE SHE'S YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
OF COURSE NOT ...

.....
.....
I LIKE THAT PART OF YOU. IT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO DATE ME.


A PLOT ARC WHERE YOU PUT ME FIRST UNCONDITIONALLY .....?
..... I'M J-JUST YOUR GIRLFRIEND ...

MEGUMI!! I'M SO, SO SORRY!
HUG
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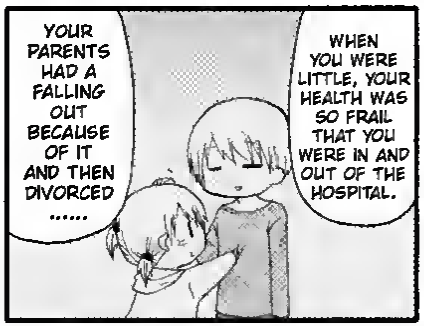
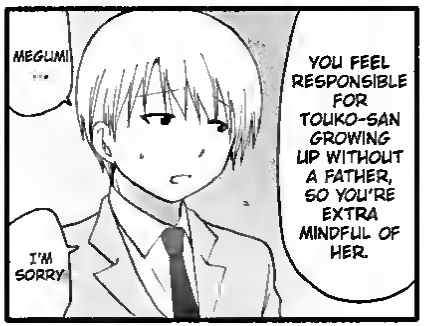
TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR, ISN'T IT?

TOUKO-SAN COMES FIRST. I UNDERSTAND.
IT'S FINE.
MEGUMI ...

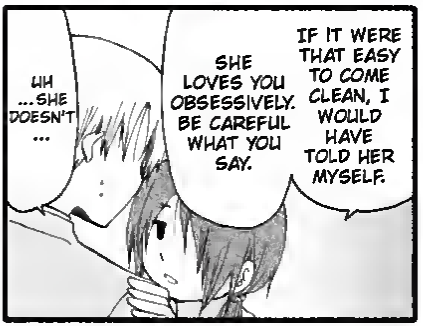

YOUR PARENTS HAD A FALLING OUT BECAUSE OF IT AND THEN DIVORCED .....
WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE, YOUR HEALTH WAS SO FRAIL THAT YOU WERE IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.


MEGUMI ...
I'M SORRY
YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR TOUKO-SAN GROWING UP WITHOUT A FATHER, SO YOU'RE EXTRA MINDFUL OF HER.

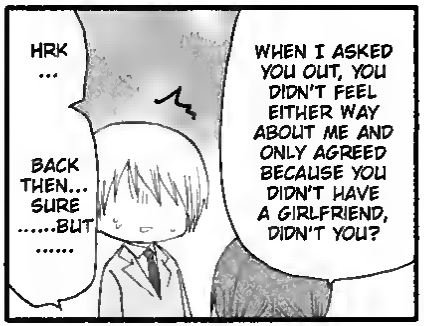
OF COURSE ..
I DON'T HAVE A TRAGIC BACKSTORY LIKE THAT AT ALL...
EXCEPT THE SINGLE PARENT PART.

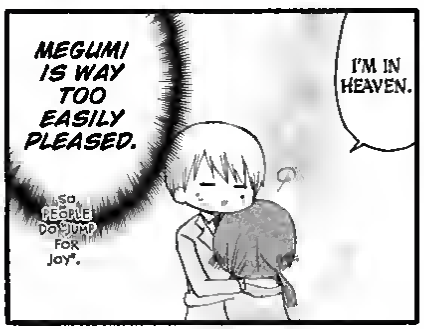
UNFORTUNATELY
I'M SORRY I PUSHED YOU INTO A CORNER LIKE THIS.
I'VE BEEN... TOTALLY INSENSITIVE.
HONESTLY, I'M PATHETIC ...
I HAD NO CLUE WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE HEAD OF THE GIRL I LIKE...
... ICHI-MIYA-SAN.
I NEED TO START FROM THERE?
YOU LIKE ME?
THE GIRL I LOVE
I KNOW! I KNOW.
I DON'T THINK SHE'S IN THE WAY.
I LOVE TOUKO.
PLEASE DON'T MAKE HER HATE ME.
SHE'S JUST SO... GOOD.
SO TSUNDERE, YET SO VERY MUCH A SIDE CHARACTER.
SO EASILY WON OVER VIA HER SWEET TOOTH.
SO GULLIBLE.
I...I KNOW .....
AND SHE GET'S GOOD GRADES, BUT SHE'S SO DUMB .....
AND SIMPLE...

REALITY CHECK


UH ...SHE DOESN'T ...
SHE LOVES YOU OBSESSIVELY. BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.
IF IT WERE THAT EASY TO COME CLEAN, I WOULD HAVE TOLD HER MYSELF.

WHAT CHIHAYA WANTED


HRK ...
BACK THEN... SURE .....BUT .....
WHEN I ASKED YOU OUT, YOU DIDN'T FEEL EITHER WAY ABOUT ME AND ONLY AGREED BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, DIDN'T YOU?



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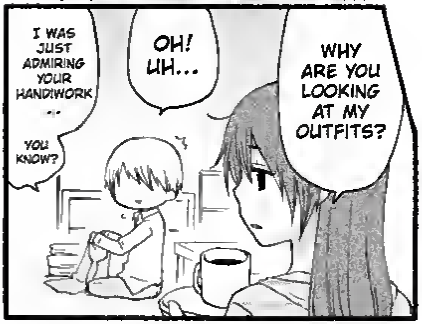
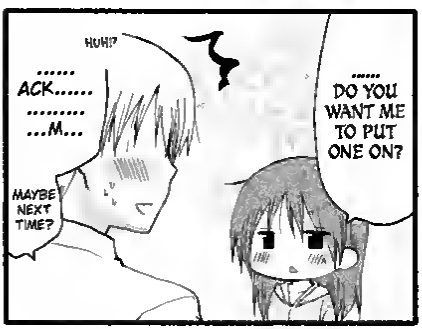
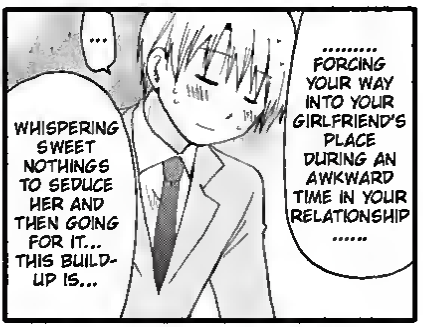
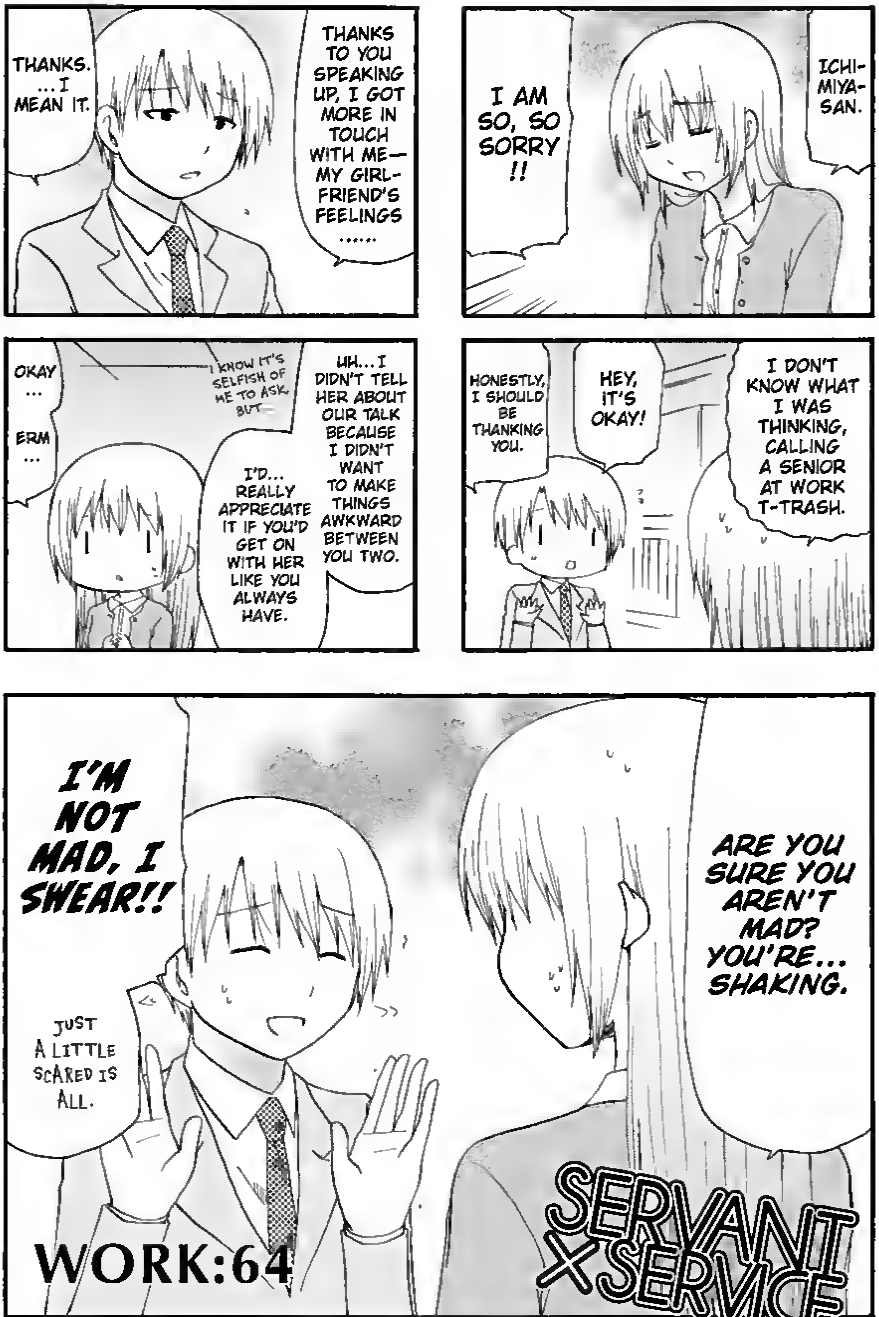




BEEN WAITING


...
WHISPERING SWEET NOTHINGS TO SEDUCE HER AND THEN GOING FOR IT... THIS BUILD-UP IS...
..... FORCING YOUR WAY INTO YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S PLACE DURING AN AWKWARD TIME IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP .....


THANKS. ...I MEAN IT.
THANKS TO YOU SPEAKING UP, I GOT MORE IN TOUCH WITH ME—MY GIRLFRIEND'S FEELINGS .....
ICHIMIYA-SAN.
I AM SO, SO SORRY !!
OKAY ...
ERM ...
I KNOW IT'S SELFISH OF ME TO ASK, BUT—
I'D... REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D GET ON WITH HER LIKE YOU ALWAYS HAVE.
UH... I DIDN'T TELL HER ABOUT OUR TALK BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THINGS AWKWARD BETWEEN YOU TWO.
HONESTLY, I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU.
HEY, IT'S OKAY!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING, CALLING A SENIOR AT WORK T-TRASH.
I'M NOT MAD, I SWEAR!!
JUST A LITTLE SCARED IS ALL.
ARE YOU SURE YOU AREN'T MAD? YOU'RE... SHAKING.
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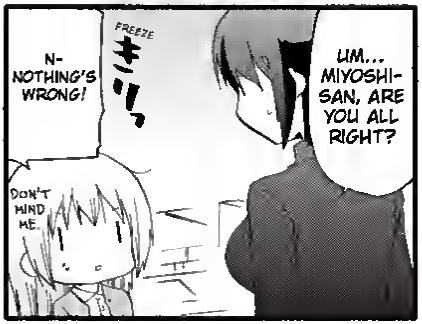
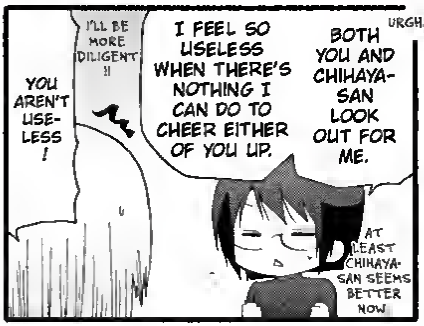
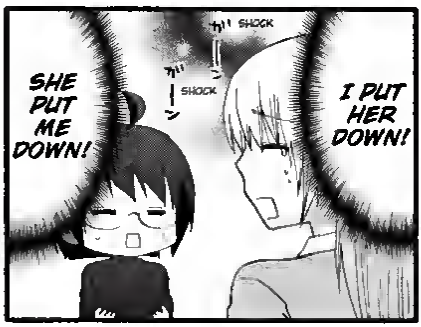
SERVANT × SERVICE

A PAIR OF DUDS




I'LL BE MORE DILIGENT!!
YOU AREN'T USE-LESS!
I FEEL SO USELESS WHEN THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO TO CHEER EITHER OF YOU UP.
URGH...
BOTH YOU AND CHIHAYA-SAN LOOK OUT FOR ME.
AT LEAST CHIHAYA-SAN SEEMS BETTER NOW.



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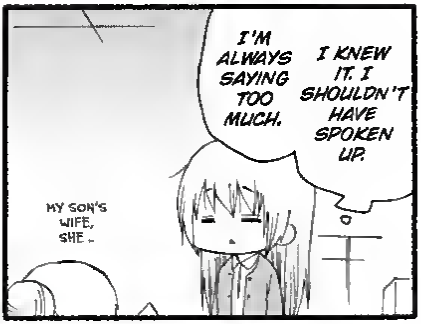
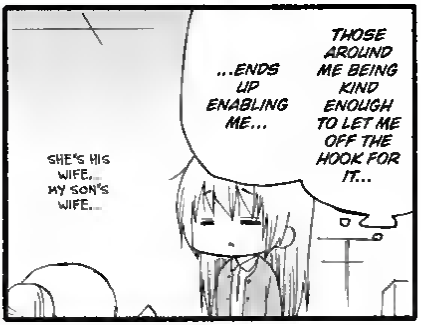
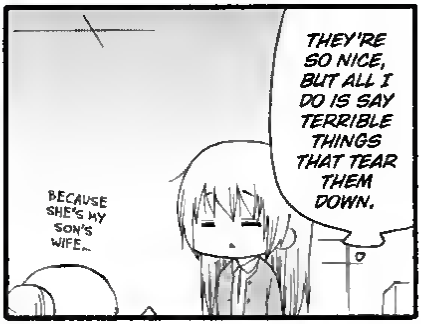
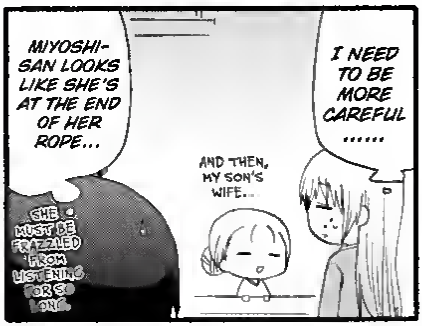


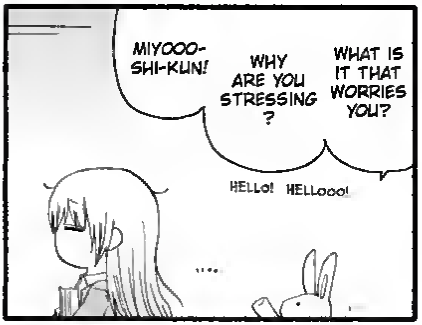


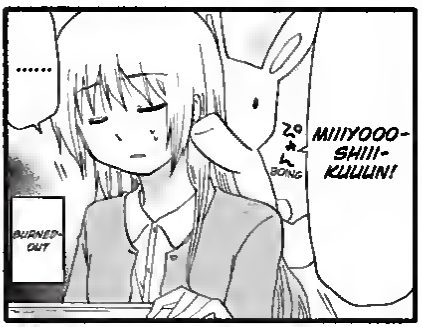



MIYOSHI-SAN LOOKS LIKE SHE'S AT THE END OF HER ROPE...
SHE MUST BE FRAZZLED FROM LISTENING ORSO LONG.
AND THEN, MY SON'S WIFE...
I NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL .....

THE CHEER SPIRAL
I FEEL THE SAME WAY, OF COURSE.
I HATE TO SEE HER LIKE THIS!
...MIYOSHI-SAN MAY ACCIDENTALLY SAY SOMETHING INSULTING AGAIN, AND STRESS HERSELF OUT.
...BUT IF WE TRY TO CHEER HER UP, AND WE'RE NOT CAREFUL ENOUGH...
... MIYOSHI-SAN WILL PUT HER FOOT IN HER MOUTH. AGAIN.
THEN WHEN WE TALK TO HER AGAIN TO TRY TO CHEER HER UP...
IT'S A DOWNWARD SPIRAL.
SHE'LL BE STRESSED, AND AGAIN WE'LL TRY TO CHEER HER UP, ONLY...
THE MIYOSHI SPIRAL
MIYOSHI-SAN SEEMS RATHER OVER-WHELMED.
MIYOSHI-SAN, IT'S OKAY!! MIYOSHI-SAAAN!!
I AM SO SORRY!
FLEE
I ACCEPT THAT MY IDIOCY IS AN ISSUE.
OH, I SEE!
THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY HER WORDS HAVE BEEN LESS CAREFUL THAN USUAL...
THEN, BECAUSE SHE'S STRESSED, SHE ENDS UP PUTTING HER FOOT IN HER MOUTH AGAIN.
SAYING THE WRONG THING MAKES MIYOSHI-SAN FEEL BAD, WHICH STRESSES HER OUT.
IT'S A DOWNWARD SPIRAL.
THEN, BECAUSE SHE FEELS BAD ABOUT IT, HER STRESS INCREASES.

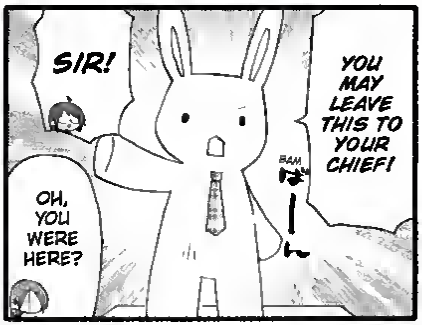
THE STRESS SPIRAL

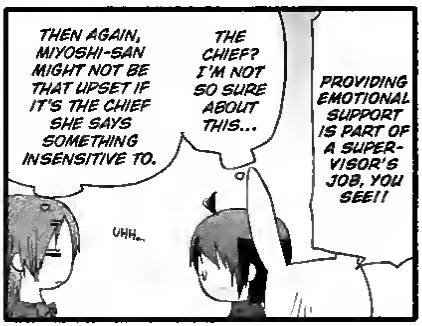


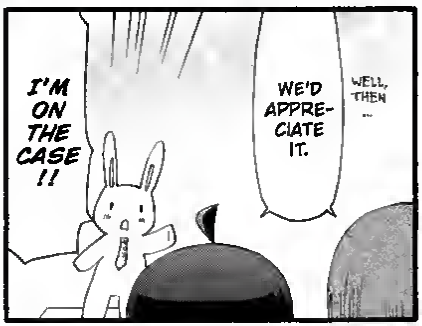


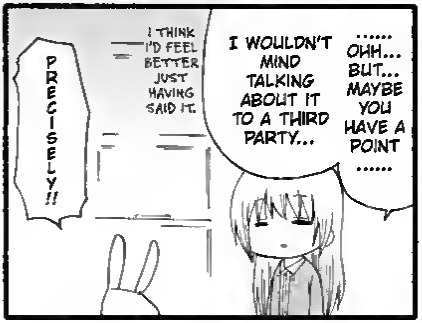
SOMEONE YOU CAN COUNT ON

NO, BUT IT'S A PERSONAL ISSUE FOR HER...
SHE'S ONLY POINTING OUT THE TRUTH
I DON'T THINK MIYOSHI-SAN'S WORDS HURT US QUITE AS MUCH AS SHE BELIEVES ...
FU FU FU ...



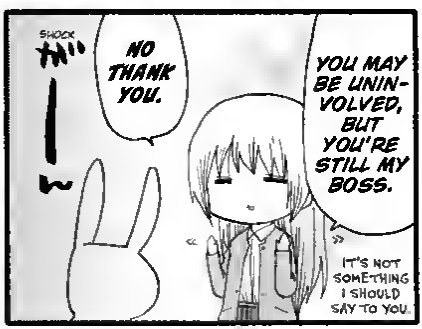

THEN AGAIN, MIYOSHI-SAN MIGHT NOT BE THAT UPSET IF IT'S THE CHIEF SHE SAYS SOMETHING INSENSITIVE TO.
THE CHIEF? I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THIS...
PROVIDING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT IS PART OF A SUPER-VISOR'S JOB, YOU SEE!!
UHH...

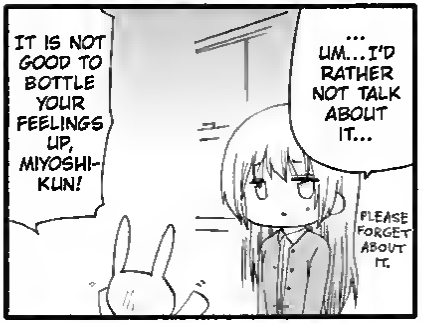


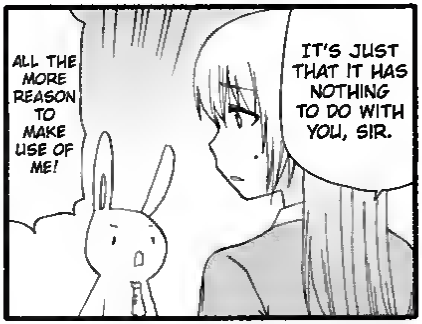

I WOULDN'T MIND TALKING ABOUT IT TO A THIRD PARTY...
I THINK I'D FEEL BETTER JUST HAVING SAID IT.
PRECISELY!!
..... OHH... BUT... MAYBE YOU HAVE A POINT .....

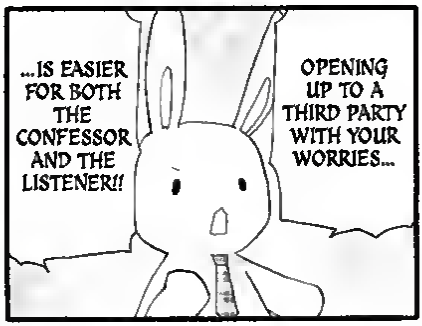
GO AHEAD, GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

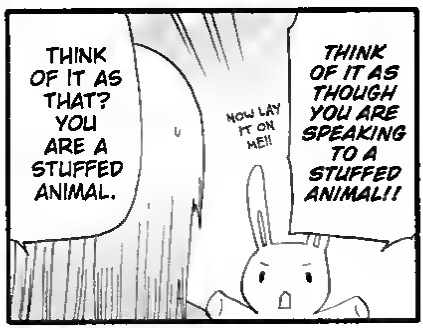
NO THANK YOU.
EH?


SHOCK
NO THANK YOU.
YOU MAY BE UNINVOLVED, BUT YOU'RE STILL MY BOSS.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING I SHOULD SAY TO YOU.

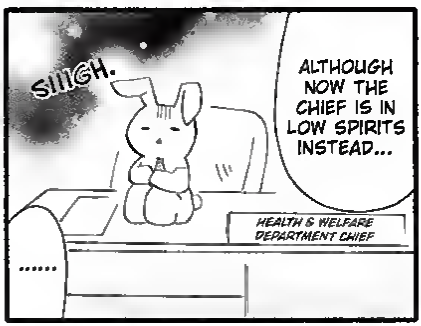

IT IS NOT GOOD TO BOTTLE YOUR FEELINGS UP, MIYOSHI-KUN!
... UM... I'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT IT...
PLEASE FORGET ABOUT IT.


ALL THE MORE REASON TO MAKE USE OF ME!
IT'S JUST THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, SIR.


...IS EASIER FOR BOTH THE CONFESSOR AND THE LISTENER!!
OPENING UP TO A THIRD PARTY WITH YOUR WORRIES...


THINK OF IT AS THAT? YOU ARE A STUFFED ANIMAL.
NOW LAY IT ON ME!!
THINK OF IT AS THOUGH YOU ARE SPEAKING TO A STUFFED ANIMAL!!

HAPPY ENDING



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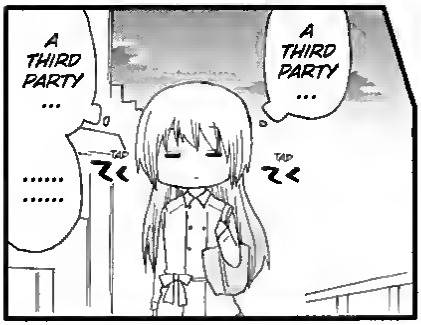

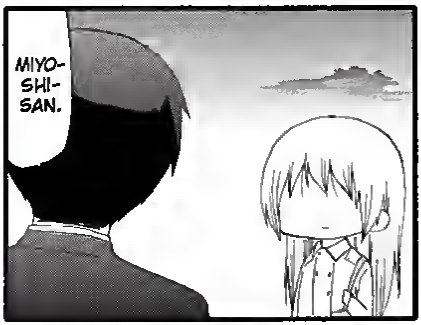

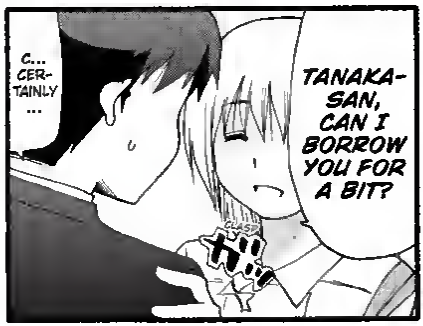

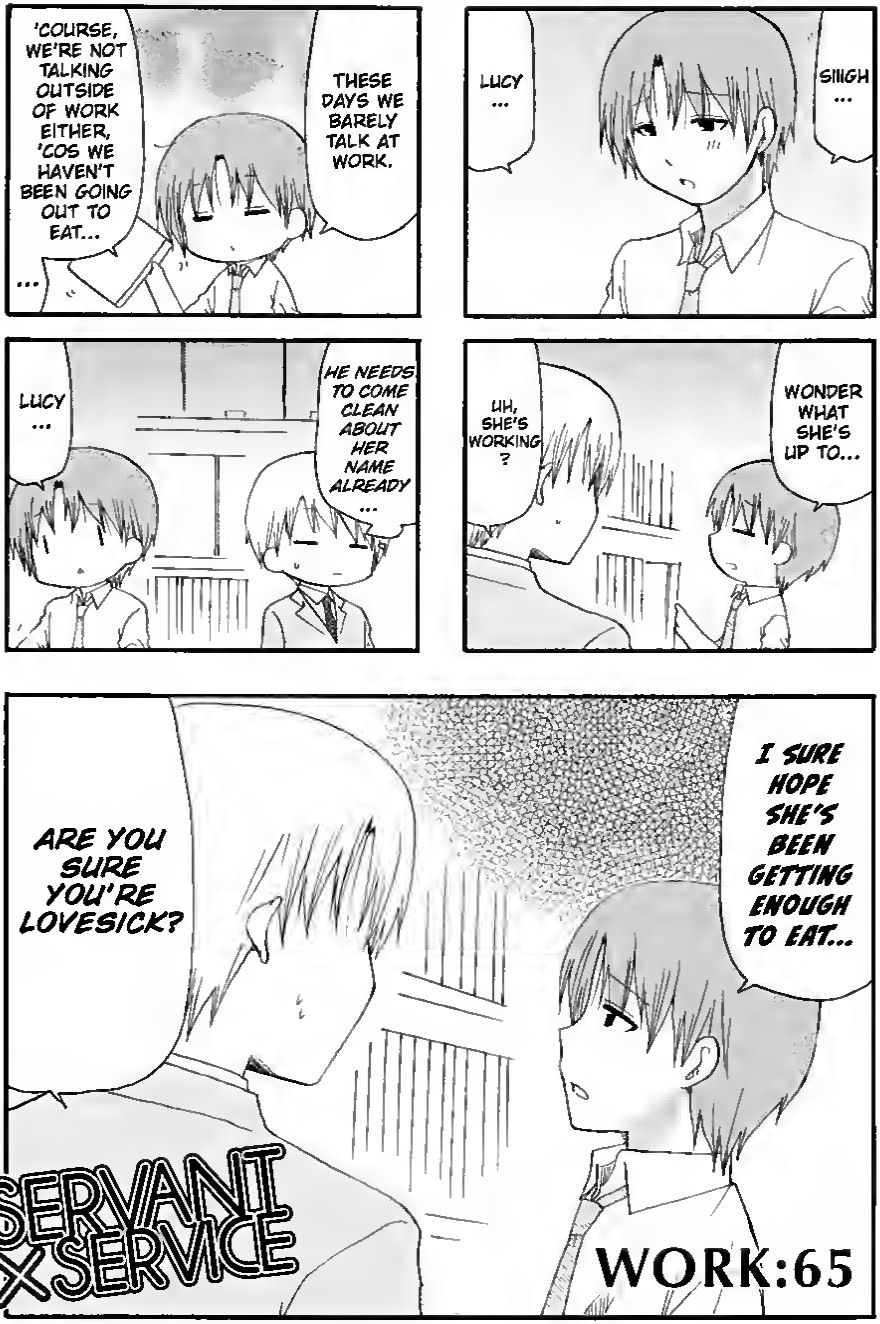
'COURSE, WE'RE NOT TALKING OUTSIDE OF WORK EITHER, 'COS WE HAVEN'T BEEN GOING OUT TO EAT...
...
THESE DAYS WE BARELY TALK AT WORK.
LUCY ...
SIIIGH ...
LUCY ...
HE NEEDS TO COME CLEAN ABOUT HER NAME ALREADY ...
UH, SHE'S WORKING ?
WONDER WHAT SHE'S UP TO...
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE LOVESICK?
I SURE HOPE SHE'S BEEN GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT...
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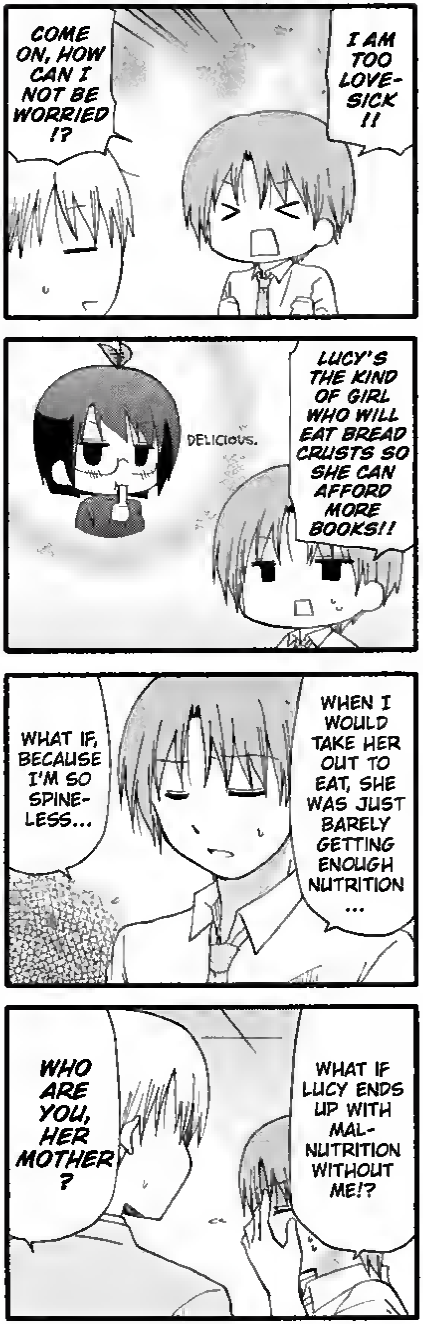
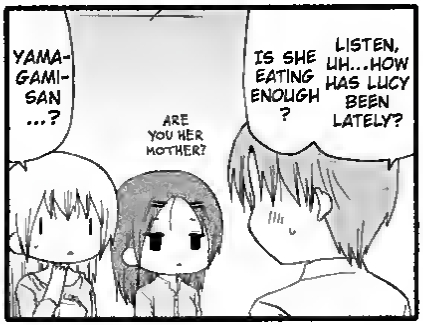
BECAUSE IT'S AUTUMN

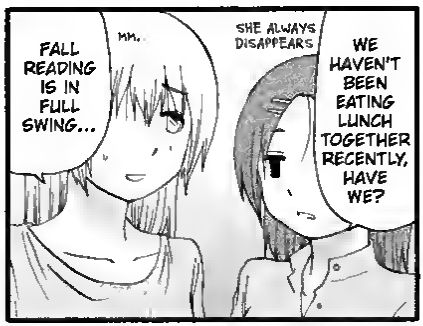
YAMAGAMI-SAN'S MOTHER


COME ON, HOW CAN I NOT BE WORRIED!?
I AM TOO LOVE-SICK!!
DELICIOUS.
LUCY'S THE KIND OF GIRL WHO WILL EAT BREAD CRUSTS SO SHE CAN AFFORD MORE BOOKS!!
WHAT IF, BECAUSE I'M SO SPINE-LESS...
WHEN I WOULD TAKE HER OUT TO EAT, SHE WAS JUST BARELY GETTING ENOUGH NUTRITION...
WHO ARE YOU, HER MOTHER?
WHAT IF LUCY ENDS UP WITH MAL-NUTRITION WITHOUT ME!?

GETTING HER FILL!!

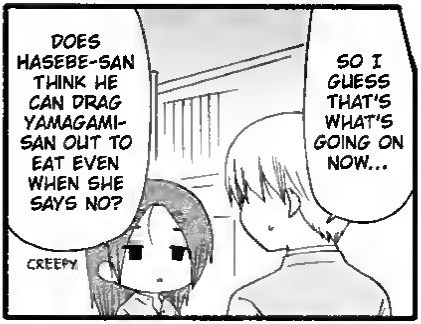
SPEAKING OF AUTUMN...

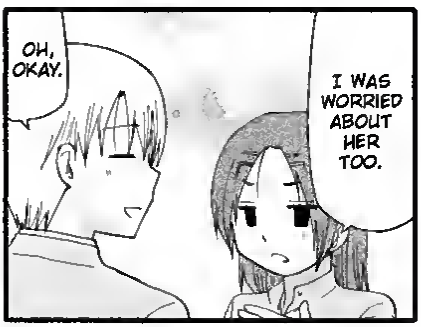


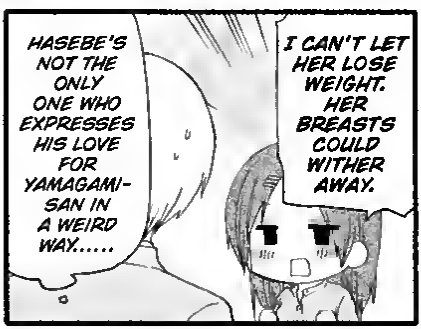


THE UMPTEENTH DEFEAT
COMES IN ALL KINDS
I KNOW THIS IS GONNA SOUND AWKWARD WHEN I STILL HAVEN'T COME CLEAN TO YOU...
LUCY ...
!?
PLEASE, STOP. I'M FULL.
GEEZ ... HERE, EAT THIS!
LIAR !!
E-EHH !?
WON'T YOU GRAB DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT ?
UM ... ...
SHE USED TO EAT ANYTHING I GAVE HER...
GUH
IT'S TRUE!
I'VE TOTALLY LOST POINTS
I...
URGH ... ...
GIVEN THE SITUA-TION ...
I-I'M SORRY.
O-OH, UM... MORE PAPER CUTS FROM READING .....
... HEY.
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOUR FINGERS THIS TIME?
SHE SHOT ME DOWN!
DASH
I CAN'T !!
THAT'S TOO EXCITED !!
I CAN'T TURN THE PAGES QUICKLY ENOUGH!!
I JUST GET SO EXCITED WHEN I READ! CLUMSY ME!!
EH-HEH-HEH-HEH

ANOTHER WORRYWART

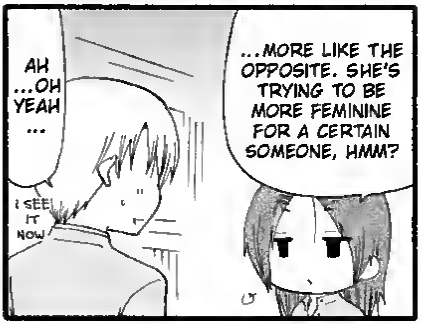





HASEBE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO EXPRESSES HIS LOVE FOR YAMAGAMI-SAN IN A WEIRD WAY.....
I CAN'T LET HER LOSE WEIGHT. HER BREASTS COULD WITHER AWAY.

TO BECOME A REAL MAN

I'LL SET THINGS STRAIGHT QUICK, SO I CAN BECOME A GUY WHO CAN TAKE LUCY OUT TO EAT WITH NO HESITATION!!
SENPAI, I'LL TRY TO KICK BUTT...


AH ...OH YEAH ...
I SEE IT NOW
...MORE LIKE THE OPPOSITE. SHE'S TRYING TO BE MORE FEMININE FOR A CERTAIN SOMEONE, HMM?

.....
THEN IF SOMEONE LET HASEBE KNOW—

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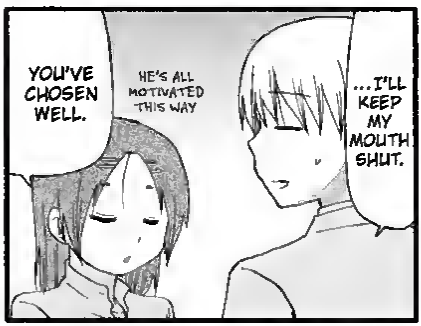
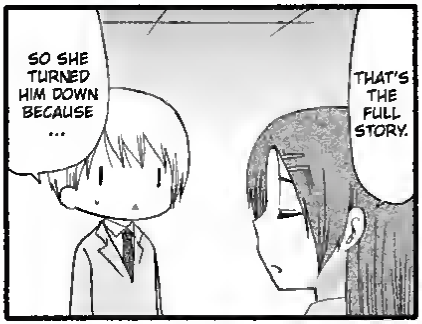
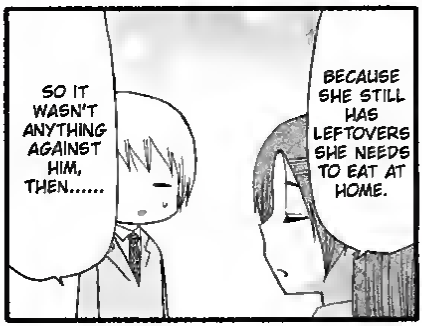

YOU'VE CHOSEN WELL.
HE'S ALL MOTIVATED THIS WAY
...I'LL KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT.

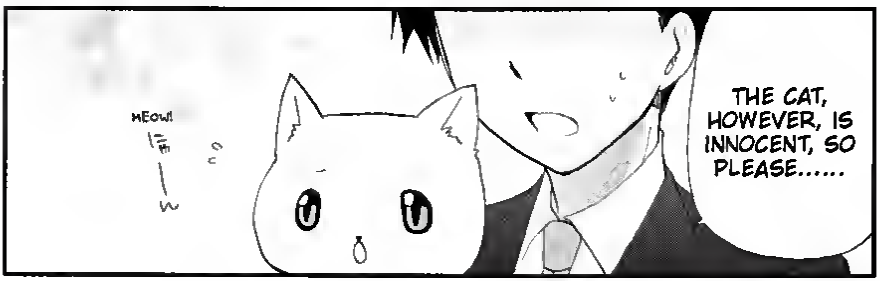
...THAT SHE'S STARTED LEARNING HOW TO COOK.
YAMA-GAMI-SAN SAYS...

I EAT UP ON THE ROOF BECAUSE I'M TOO EMBARRASSED TO LET ANYONE SEE MY COOKING.
I'M SO SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU!
NOT ONLY DOES IT TURN OUT POORLY, I MAKE TOO MUCH. I'VE BEEN BRINGING THE LEFTOVERS AS MY LUNCH.


SO SHE TURNED HIM DOWN BECAUSE ...
THAT'S THE FULL STORY.


SO IT WASN'T ANYTHING AGAINST HIM, THEN.....
BECAUSE SHE STILL HAS LEFTOVERS SHE NEEDS TO EAT AT HOME.

I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO COMFORT YOU.
MIYOSHI-SAN.
AFTER WORK: SIXTY-TWO


MEOW!
THE CAT, HOWEVER, IS INNOCENT, SO PLEASE.....

HOW CUTE ...
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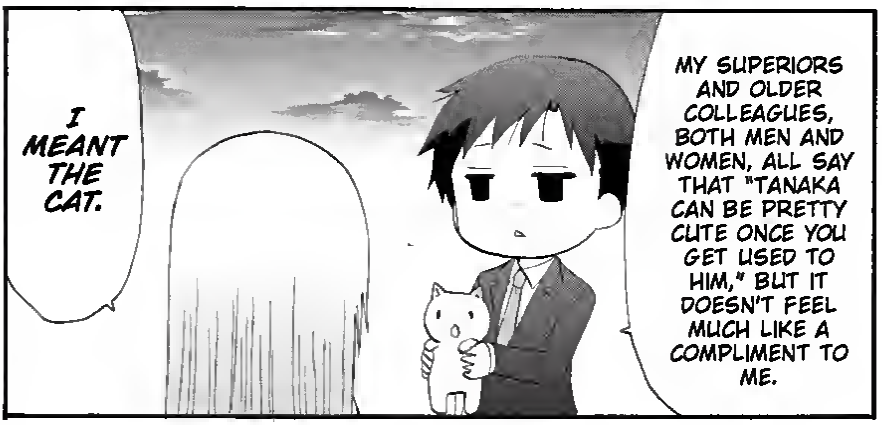
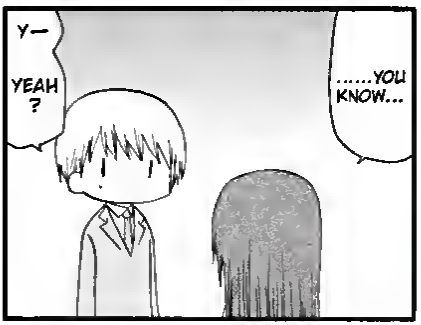

I MEANT THE CAT.
MY SUPERIORS AND OLDER COLLEAGUES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, ALL SAY THAT "TANAKA CAN BE PRETTY CUTE ONCE YOU GET USED TO HIM," BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL MUCH LIKE A COMPLIMENT TO ME.

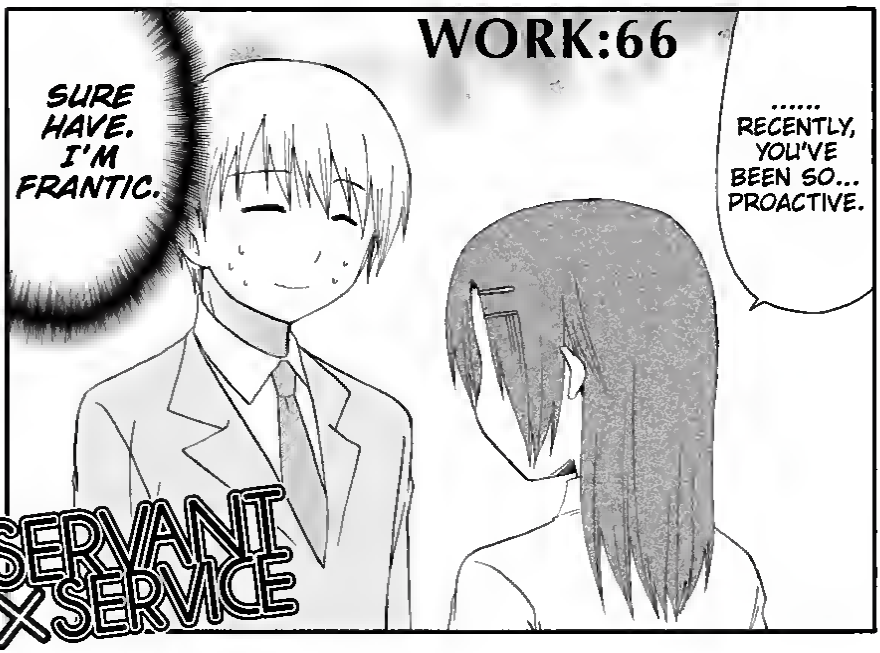
YEAH!
I'LL HAVE CAKE!
YOUR BIRTHDAY'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER, HUH, TOUKO?
LET'S SEE... RIGHT NOW YOU'RE ...
... SEVEN-TEEN, RIGHT?
I'M SIX-TEEN.
UH.
I'M A SECOND-YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND MY BIRTHDAY HASN'T COME AROUND YET. SO I'M SIXTEEN.
..... IT SAID YOU WERE SEVENTEEN IN VOLUME 1...
I'M SIXTEEN!
SNAP
I'M A SECOND-YEAR HIGH SCHOOLER AND SIXTEEN!!
DON'T MESS IT UP JUST 'COS IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE YOU WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL!!
MY APOLOGIES.

GREAT.
WHEW.
OKAY.

YES?
CHI-HAYA-SAN.


Y—
YEAH ?
.....YOU KNOW...

...
WHISPER
"I-I-W"
UH... TONIGHT ...WOULD YOU WANT TO...GO OUT TO DINNER OR ANYTHING ?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SURE HAVE. I'M FRANTIC.
..... RECENTLY, YOU'VE BEEN SO... PROACTIVE.
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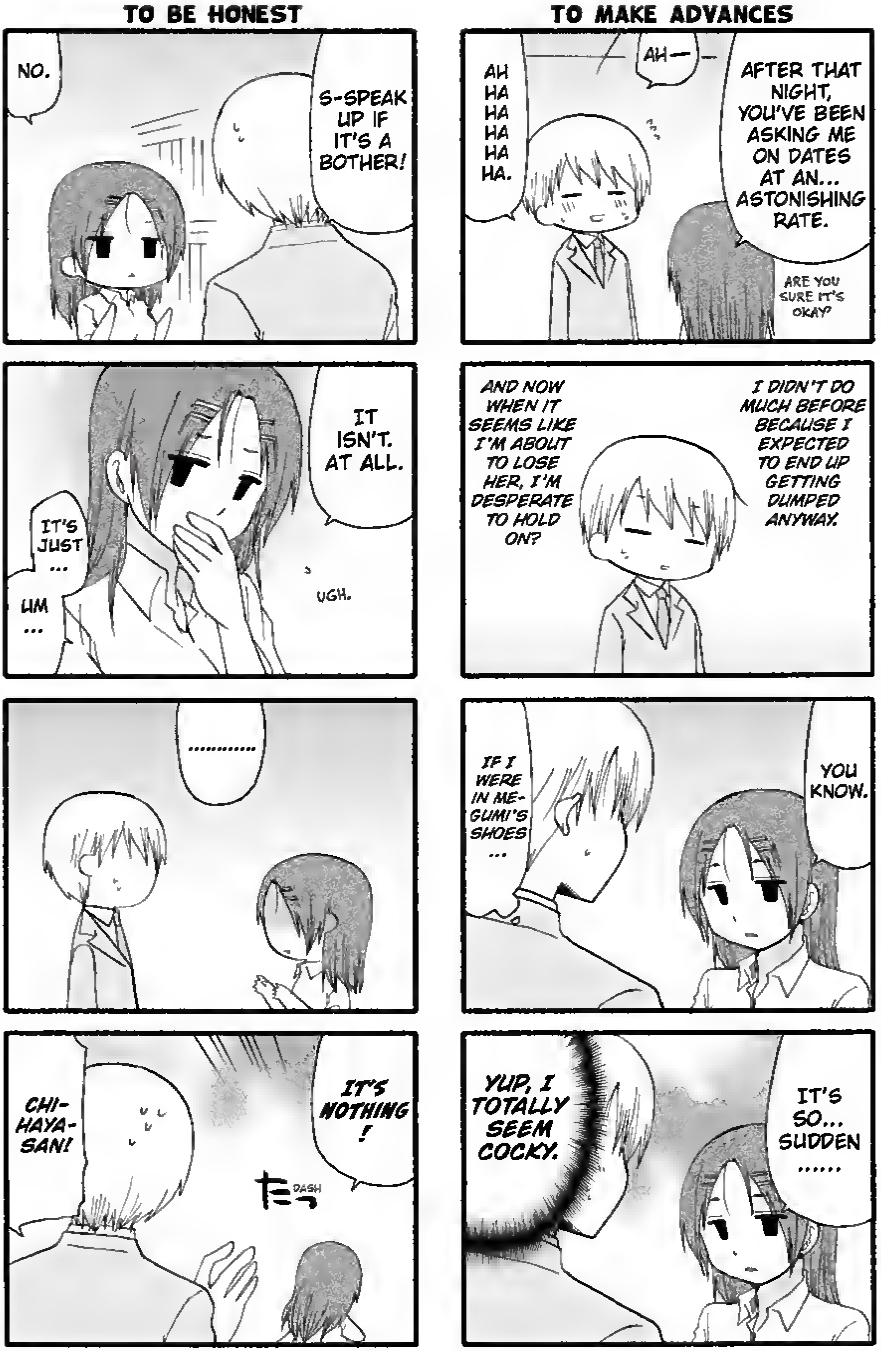
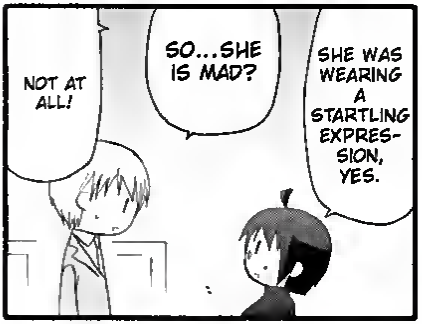
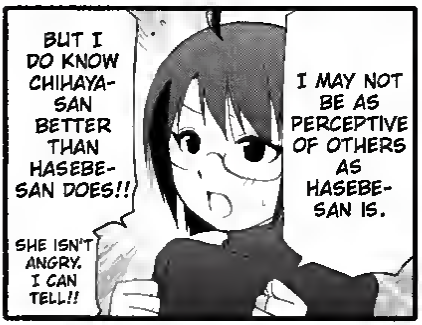

TO BE HONEST
TO MAKE ADVANCES
NO.
S-SPEAK UP IF IT'S A BOTHER!
AH
AH HA HA HA HA.
AFTER THAT NIGHT, YOU'VE BEEN ASKING ME ON DATES AT AN... ASTONISHING RATE.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
IT ISN'T. AT ALL.
IT'S JUST ...
UM ...
UGH.
AND NOW WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ABOUT TO LOSE HER, I'M DESPERATE TO HOLD ON?
I DIDN'T DO MUCH BEFORE BECAUSE I EXPECTED TO END UP GETTING DUMPED ANYWAY.
.....
IF I WERE IN MEGUMI'S SHOES ...
YOU KNOW.
CHIHAYA-SAN!
IT'S NOTHING!
DASH
YUP, I TOTALLY SEEM COCKY.
IT'S SO... SUDDEN .....

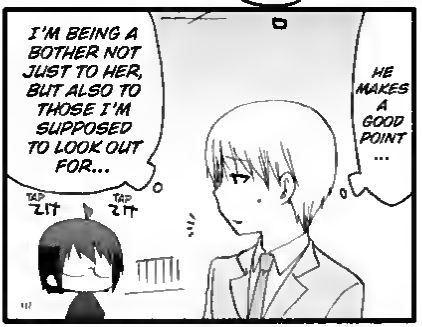
NOT NOT DOING SOMETHING
AT TIMES LIKE THIS
WAIT A
DUDE, WAS THAT THE FIRST TIME SHE'S APOLOGIZED TO ME?
?
TAP TAP TAP
SCARY
WHOA !!
BUMP
D—
DID SHE ...
YO.
SENPAAAI! CHIHAYA-CHAN HAD HER SCARY FACE ON.
YOU OKAY ?
YOU CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
OH. CHIHAYA-CHAN?
...
ACK ...
DIDJA DO SOME-THING ? OR DIDJA DO NOTHING ?
AH HA HA.
I .....
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
YOU COULD SAY THIS HAPPENED AFTER DOING NOTHING AND THEN DOING SOMETHING...
IT'S MY BAD!
I'M SORRY.

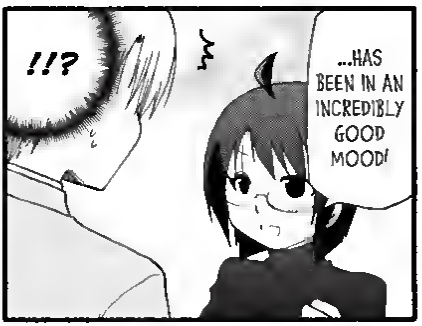
LUCY'S TRUST SCORE

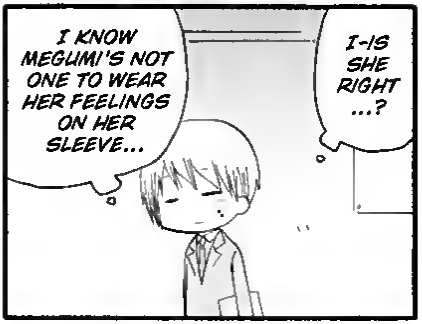


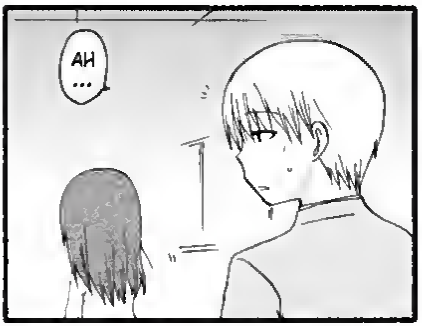

BUT I DO KNOW CHIHAYA-SAN BETTER THAN HASEBE-SAN DOES!!
SHE ISN'T ANGRY. I CAN TELL!!
I MAY NOT BE AS PERCEPTIVE OF OTHERS AS HASEBE-SAN IS.

CHIHAYA-SAN THESE DAYS






I KNOW MEGUMI'S NOT ONE TO WEAR HER FEELINGS ON HER SLEEVE...
I-IS SHE RIGHT ...?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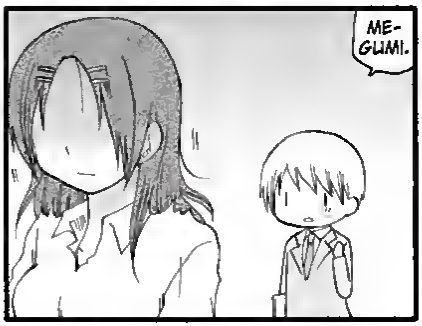
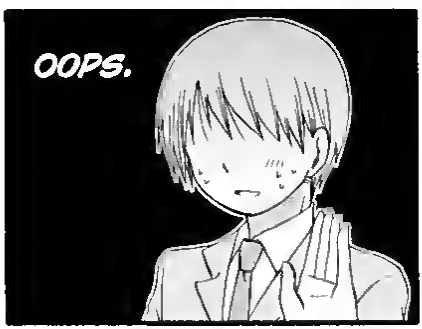

ME-GUMI.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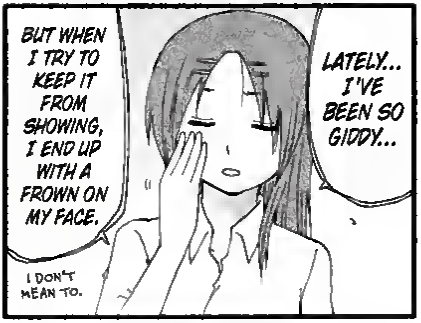
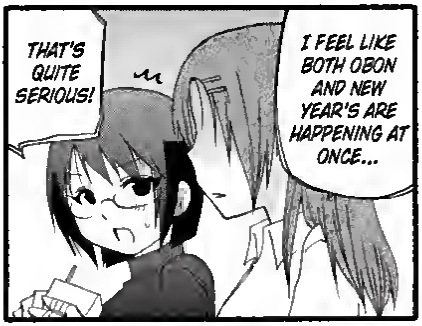
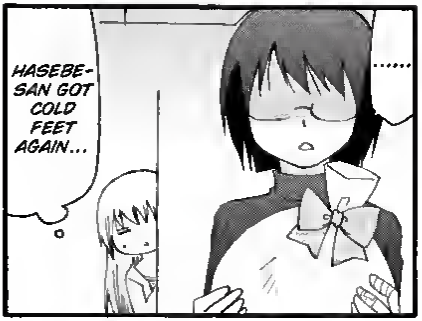

BUT WHEN I TRY TO KEEP IT FROM SHOWING, I END UP WITH A FROWN ON MY FACE.
I DON'T MEAN TO.
LATELY... I'VE BEEN SO GIDDY...

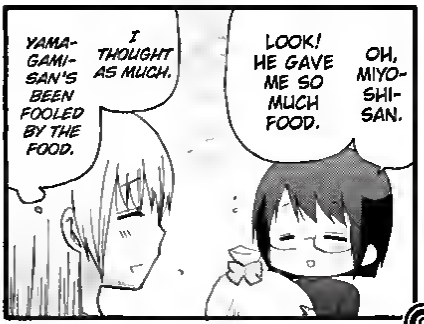

THAT'S QUITE SERIOUS!
I FEEL LIKE BOTH OBON AND NEW YEAR'S ARE HAPPENING AT ONCE...

THAT'S QUITE A LOT OF FESTIVITIES AT ONCE!!
I ALSO HAVE A BIG COSPLAY EVENT IN THAT SAME SEASON...

...WHEN SHE'S MAKING THAT STRANGE FACE!!
IT'S TRUE!!
... IS WHAT SHE FEELS ...

WHAT HE'S HIDING
DESPITE HIDING IT
.....
WELCOME BACK!
I—
I ACCIDENTALLY USED HER FIRST NAME... AT WORK!
CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE, SENPAI?
I'M GONNA GET IT NOW.
WHIRL
O...
...
YEAH, YOU SAID SO FOREVER AGO.
OFFICE ROMANCES ARE TOO STRESSFUL...
DASH





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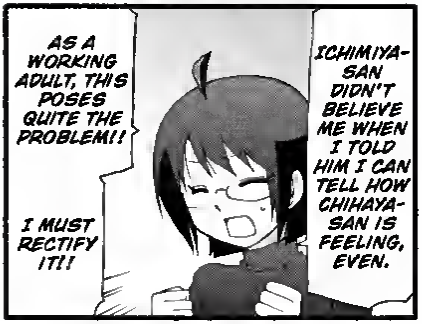
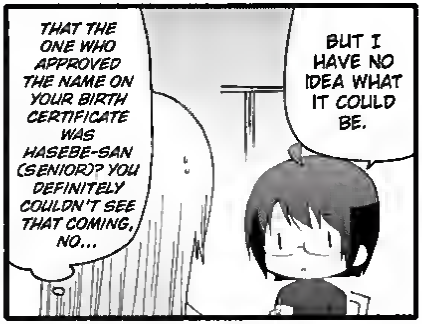

THE BEST PLAN
AS A WORKING ADULT, THIS POSES QUITE THE PROBLEM!!
I MUST RECTIFY IT!!
ICHIMIYA-SAN DIDN'T BELIEVE ME WHEN I TOLD HIM I CAN TELL HOW CHIHAYA-SAN IS FEELING, EVEN.

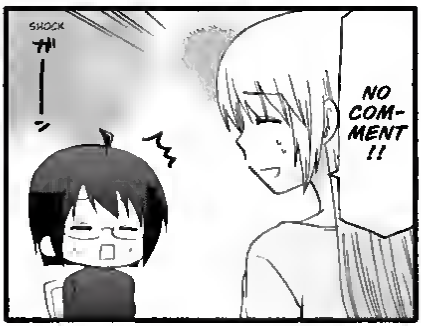
ACTUALLY, SHE REALIZED
I UNDERSTAND THAT HE WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING THAT INVOLVES ME.
I CAN'T TELL WHAT HASEBE-SAN IS THINKING.

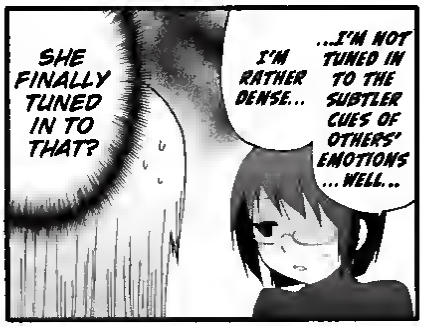
M-ME?
DO YOU HAVE ANY SAGE ADVICE FOR ME?
MIYO-SHI-SAN.


THAT THE ONE WHO APPROVED THE NAME ON YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE WAS HASEBE-SAN (SENIOR)? YOU DEFINITELY COULDN'T SEE THAT COMING, NO...
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT COULD BE.

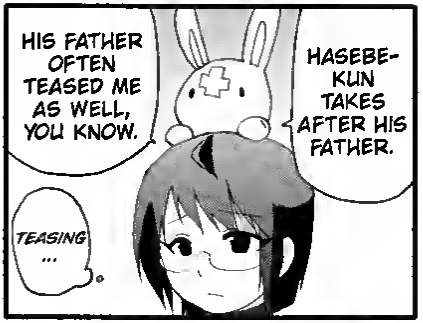
SHOCK
...IT'LL BE LIKE LAST TIME.
I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER.
ERM ...
IF I SAY THE WRONG THING ...

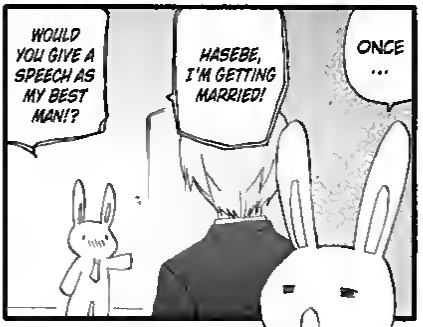
I THINK ...
NO ONE CAN READ MINDS, YAMA-GAMI-SAN.

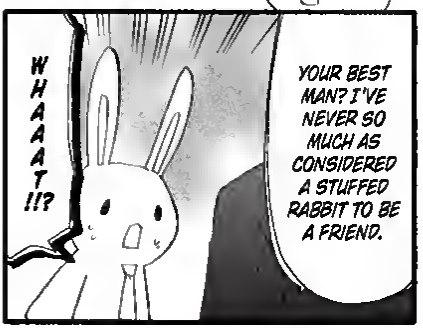

SHOCK
NO COM-MENT !!


SHE FINALLY TUNED IN TO THAT?
I'M RATHER DENSE...
...I'M NOT TUNED IN TO THE SUBTLER CUES OF OTHERS' EMOTIONS ... WELL...

THE HASEBES' BLOOD







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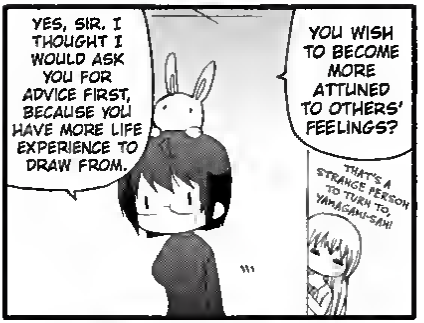
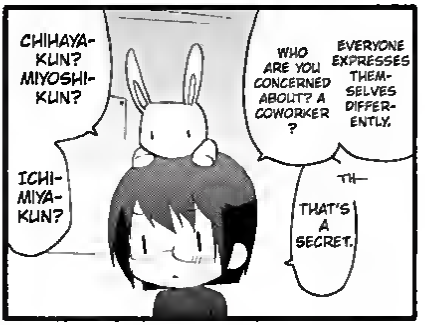

YES, SIR. I THOUGHT I WOULD ASK YOU FOR ADVICE FIRST, BECAUSE YOU HAVE MORE LIFE EXPERIENCE TO DRAW FROM.
YOU WISH TO BECOME MORE ATTUNED TO OTHERS' FEELINGS?
THAT'S A STRANGE PERSON TO TURN TO, YAMAGAKI-SAN!



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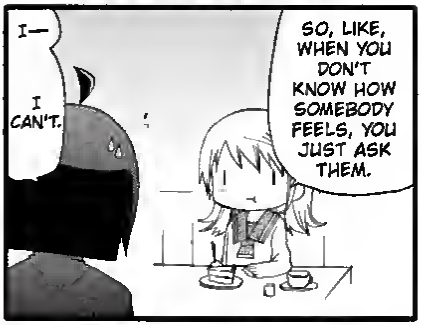

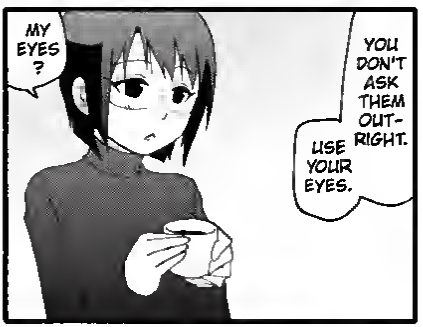

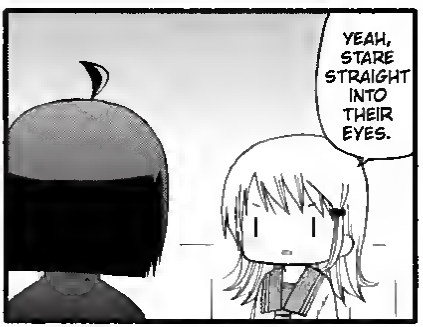

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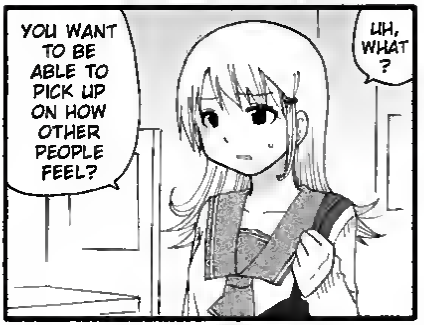
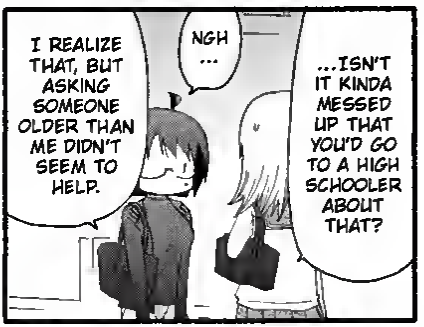
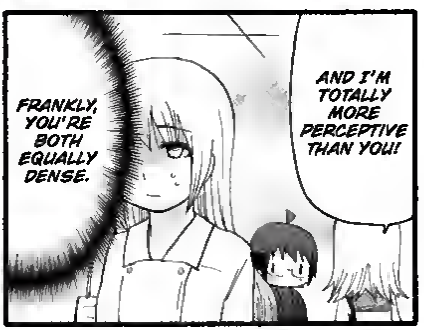



I REALIZE THAT, BUT ASKING SOMEONE OLDER THAN ME DIDN'T SEEM TO HELP.
NGH...
...ISN'T IT KINDA MESSED UP THAT YOU'D GO TO A HIGH SCHOOLER ABOUT THAT?



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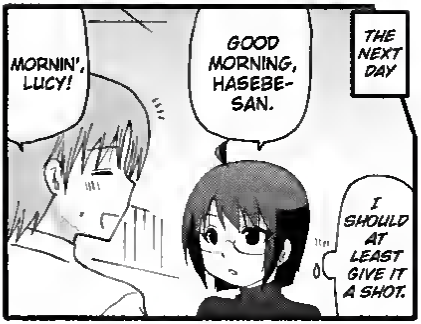
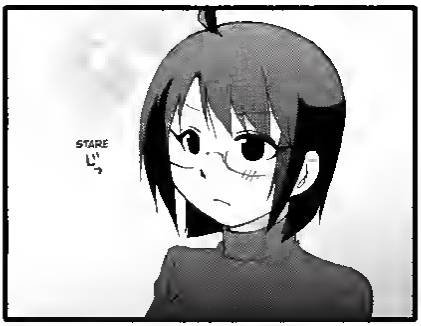
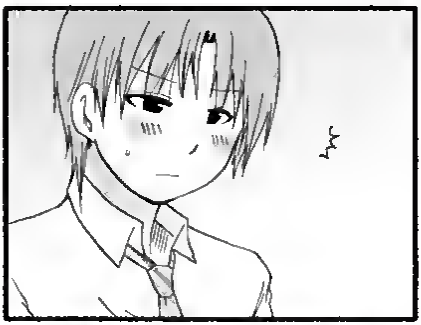
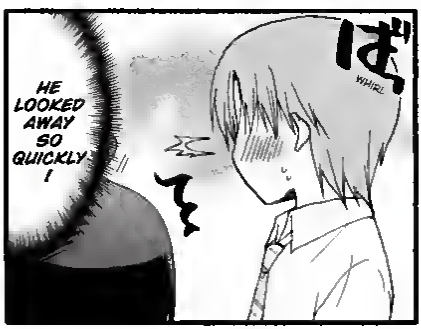


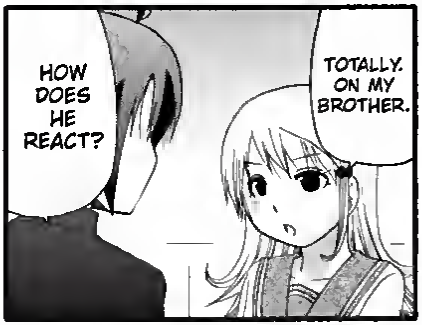


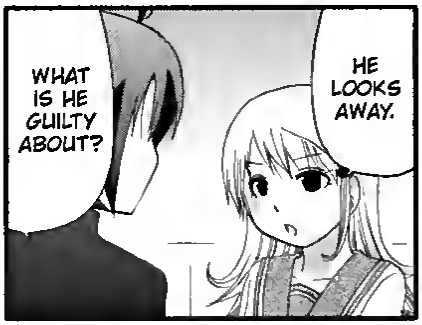


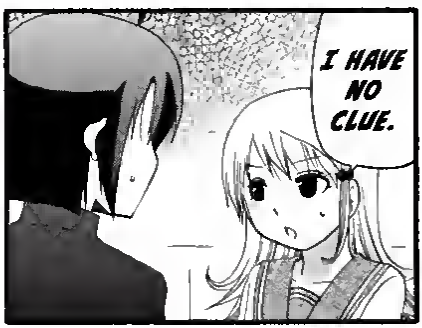


BROTHER'S TRUE FEELINGS

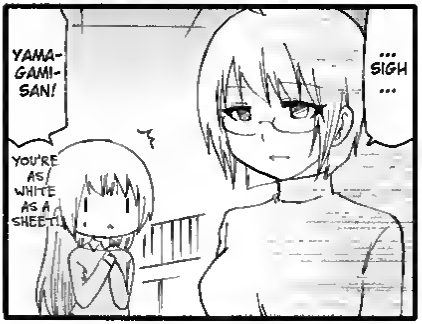
DO YOU USE THAT TECHNIQUE A LOT, TOUKO-SAN?
IT'S THE BASICS OF THE BASICS!
IF THEY FEEL GUILTY ABOUT SOMETHING, THEY WON'T KEEP EYE CONTACT.

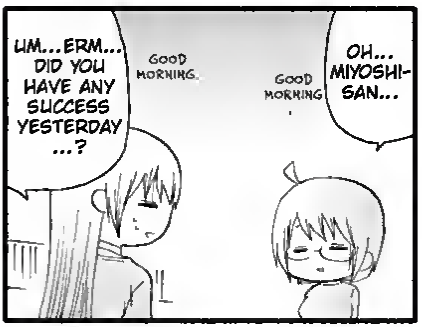


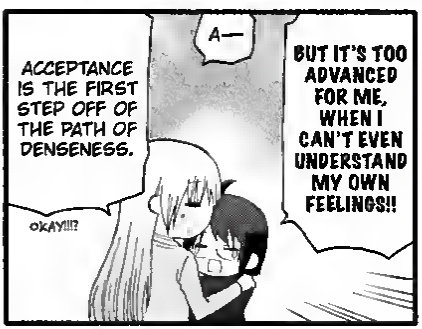




PEOPLE'S FEELINGS

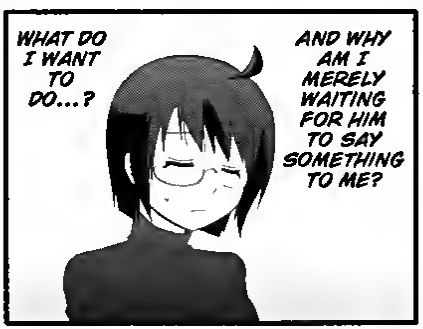


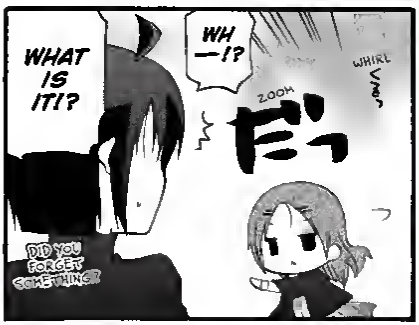


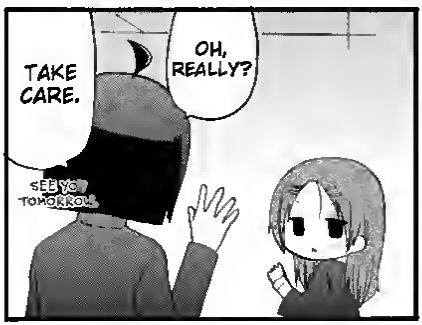

ACCEPTANCE IS THE FIRST STEP OFF OF THE PATH OF DENSENESS.
A—
BUT IT'S TOO ADVANCED FOR ME, WHEN I CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND MY OWN FEELINGS!!
OKAY!!!?

SUDDEN REALIZATION

IT'S MORE THAT I DON'T THINK I'M OF HIGH ENOUGH CALIBER FOR HIM TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT ME.
I DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF...
IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT I DON'T TRUST HASEBE-SAN.







MIYOSHI-SAN!!
I ONLY SAID, "THAT SOUNDS NICE"!
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!!
YOU JUST SAID, "THAT SOUNDS NICE. I WANT TO BUY SOME CLOTHES AND DRESS UP A LITTLE," DIDN'T YOU!?
"THAT SOUNDS NICE."
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EH? N-NO!
MIYOSHI-SAN, PLEASE SAVE ME!!

SERVANT×SERVICE

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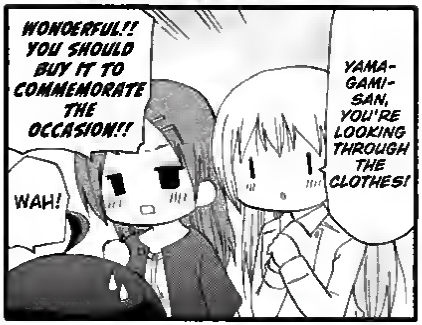
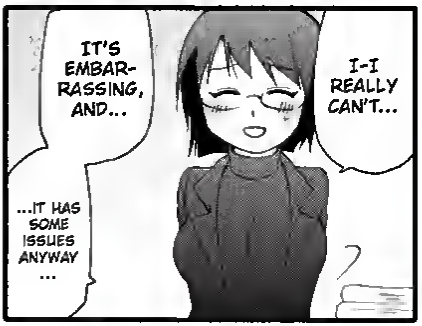
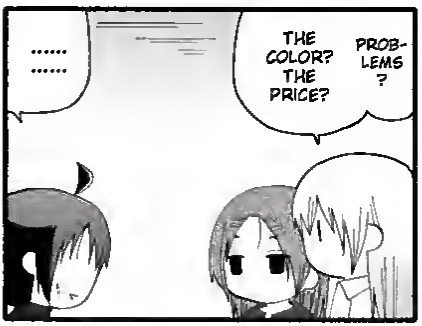
WHAT MATTERS MOST







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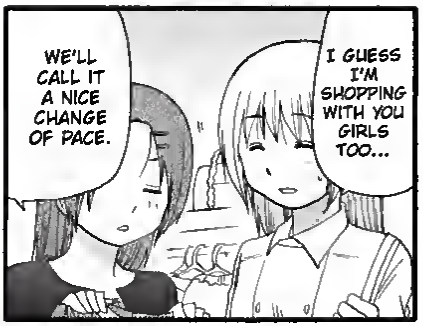
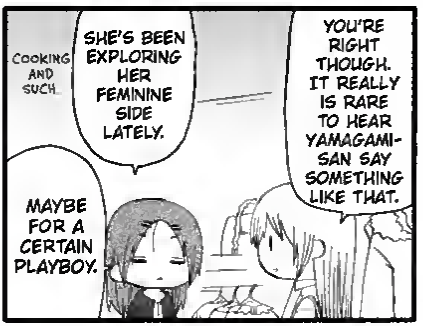
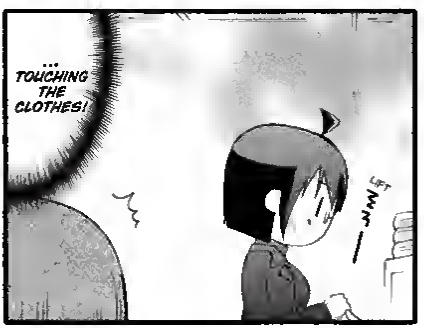
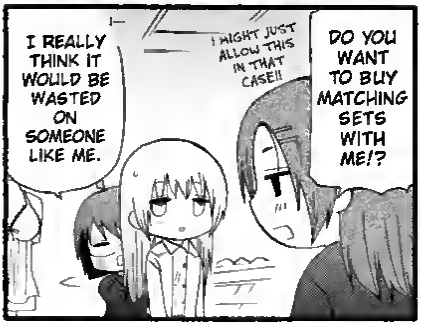
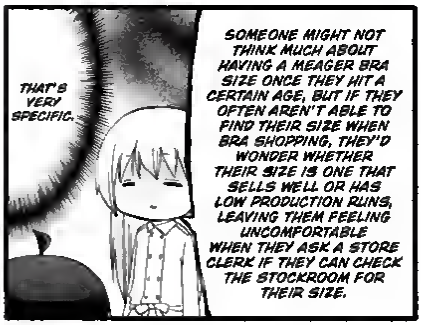



COOKING AND SUCH.
SHE'S BEEN EXPLORING HER FEMININE SIDE LATELY.
YOU'RE RIGHT THOUGH. IT REALLY IS RARE TO HEAR YAMAGAMI-SAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
MAYBE FOR A CERTAIN PLAYBOY.



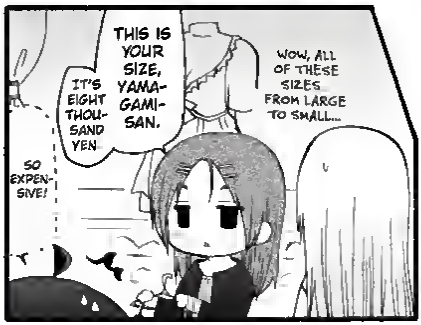
EVERYONE'S SELF-CONSCIOUS


I REALLY THINK IT WOULD BE WASTED ON SOMEONE LIKE ME.
I MIGHT JUST ALLOW THIS IN THAT CASE!!
DO YOU WANT TO BUY MATCHING SETS WITH ME!?


THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC.
SOMEONE MIGHT NOT THINK MUCH ABOUT HAVING A MEAGER BRA SIZE ONCE THEY HIT A CERTAIN AGE, BUT IF THEY OFTEN AREN'T ABLE TO FIND THEIR SIZE WHEN BRA SHOPPING, THEY'D WONDER WHETHER THEIR SIZE IS ONE THAT SELLS WELL OR HAS LOW PRODUCTION RUNS, LEAVING THEM FEELING UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN THEY ASK A STORE CLERK IF THEY CAN CHECK THE STOCKROOM FOR THEIR SIZE.

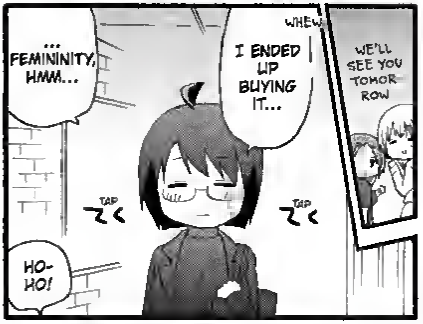
WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

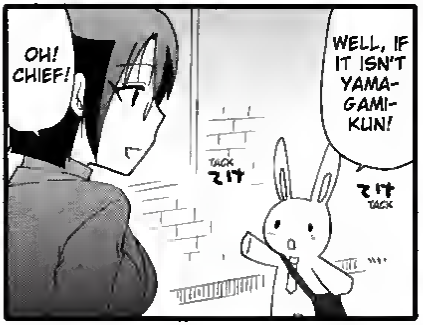
L-LET'S GO HOME, SHALL WE?
AND YOU CAN BUY YOUR EXACT SIZE.
WHAT NO ONE WILL SEE CAN'T EMBARRASS YOU.
I KNOW A SHOP THAT CARRIES YOUR SIZE.
THEN WE'LL GO SHOPPING FOR INTIMATES.

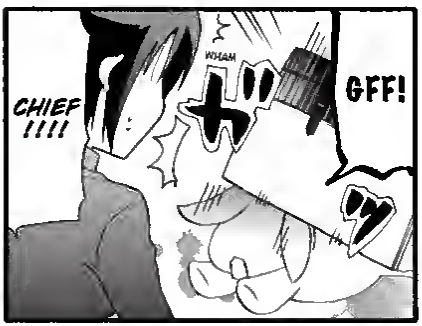


WHAT IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE?
.....
IT'S BEST TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE SPECIAL SET.
I-I DON'T NEED SOMETHING SO EXTRAVAGANT WHEN NO ONE WILL SEE IT ANYWAY.

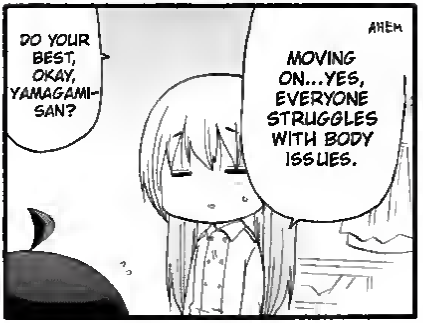
UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS

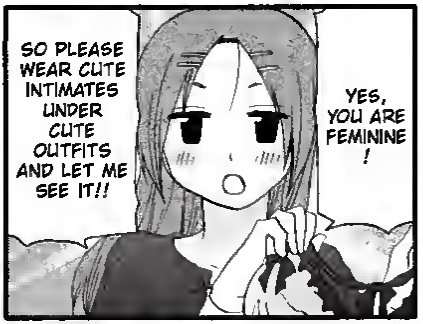


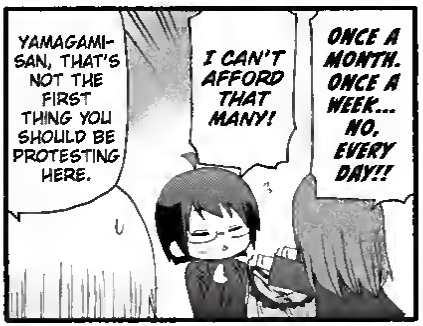




EMBRACE YOUR FEMININITY






YAMAGAMI-SAN, THAT'S NOT THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD BE PROTESTING HERE.
I CAN'T AFFORD THAT MANY!
ONCE A MONTH. ONCE A WEEK... NO. EVERY DAY!!

WHAT DO YOU ...?
HUH?
MISS.
YANK
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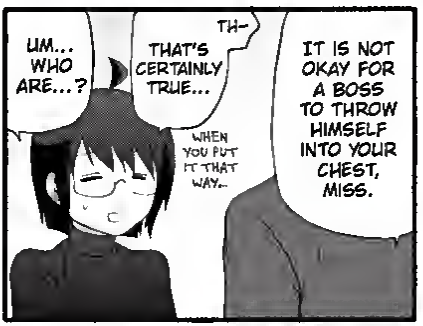
ARE YOU OKAY?

SIGN: AREA 2

IT'S OKAY! HE'S MY BOSS!
OH! NO, UM...
THIS THING ALMOST JUMPED YOU.


UM... WHO ARE...?
TH-
THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE...
WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
IT IS NOT OKAY FOR A BOSS TO THROW HIMSELF INTO YOUR CHEST, MISS.

IS IT OKAY TO KNOCK OUT A COLLEAGUE LIKE THAT?
I'M THIS THING'S COL-LEAGUE.
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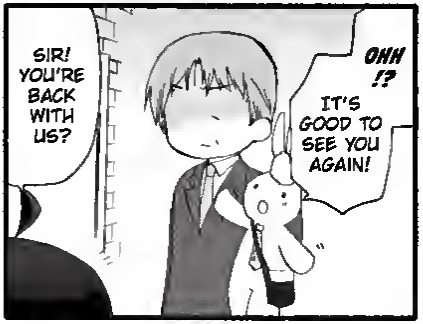
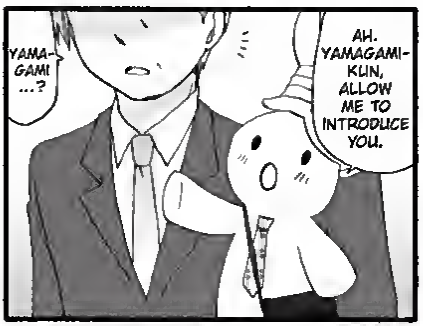
Y... YES, I WILL ...
AS A WOMAN, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.


SIR! YOU'RE BACK WITH US?
OHH!?
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!


YAMA-GAMI ...?
AH. YAMAGAMI-KUN, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU.

WHACK
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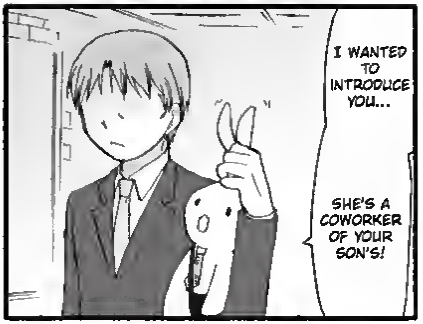
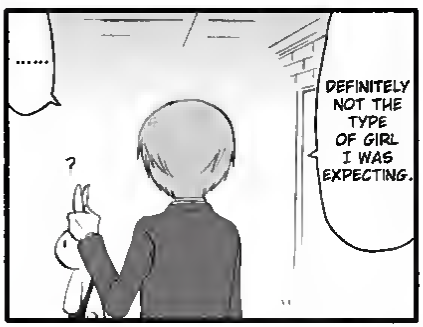
THIS IS HASE—
GFF!

BETWEEN COLLEAGUES





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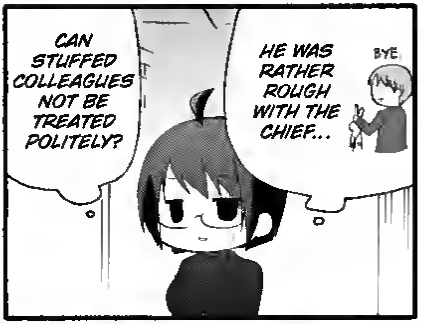

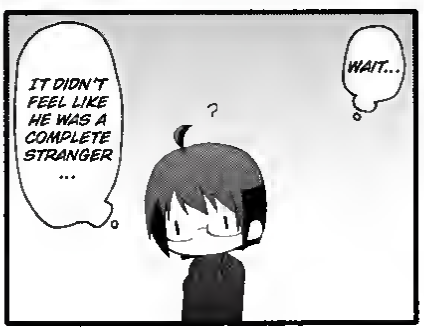

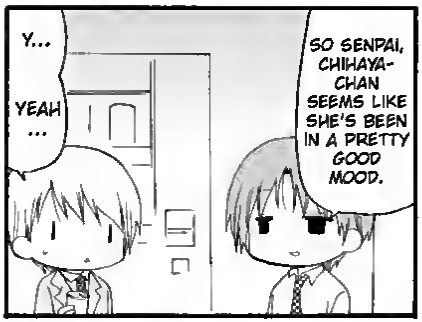

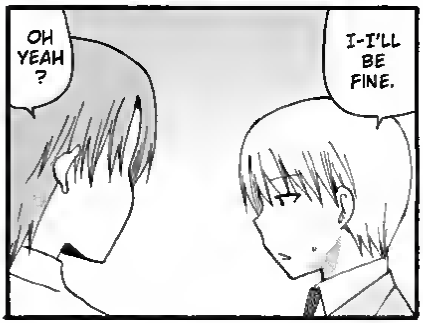

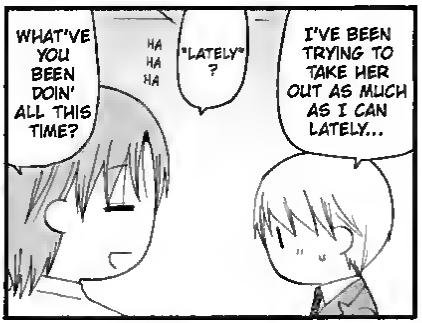

SERVANT X SERVICE

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WHY SENPAI FAILS

IF THEY'RE THAT CLOSE, WOULDN'T IT BE FINE TO JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT...?
I KNOW I'LL GET YELLED AT ANYWAY
BETTER NOT LET HER FIND OUT IN AN AWKWARD WAY.
GOTTA CONSIDER THEIR RELATION-SHIP TOO, THEN.
...
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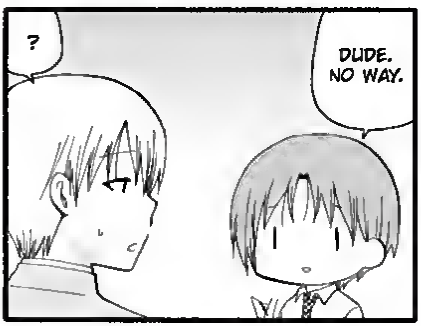
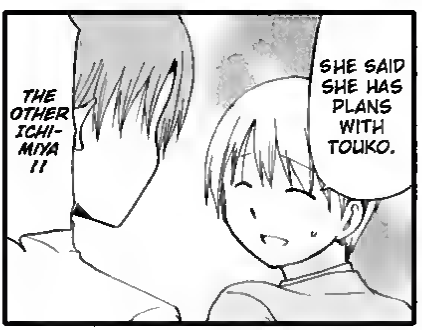
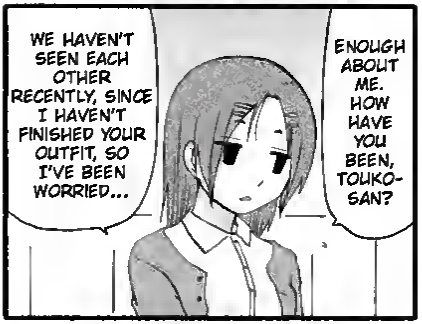
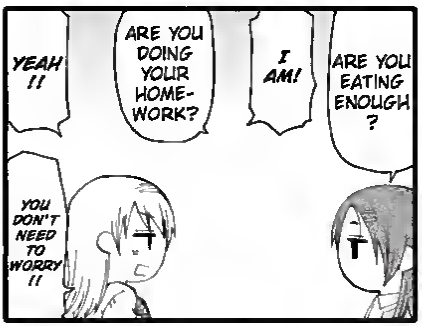


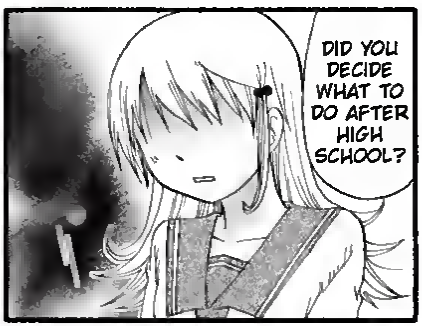
ANOTHER DAY OF FAIL FOR SENPAI



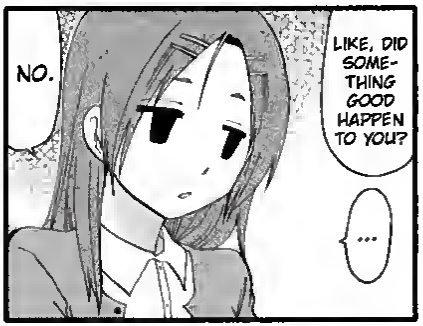
CATCHING UP WITH TOUKO

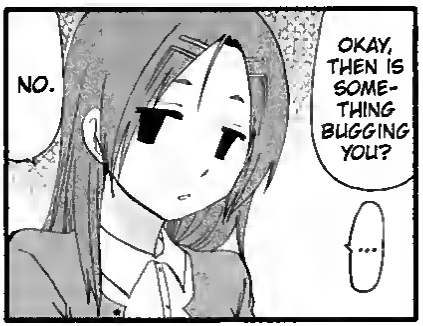

WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER RECENTLY, SINCE I HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR OUTFIT, SO I'VE BEEN WORRIED...
ENOUGH ABOUT ME. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN, TOUKO-SAN?

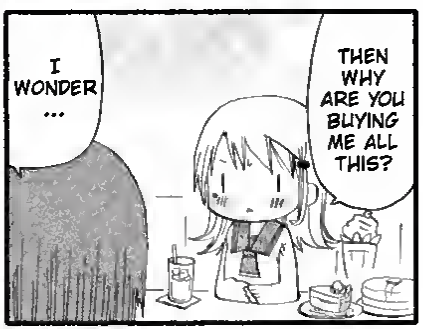




PREDICTABLE GIRL ①







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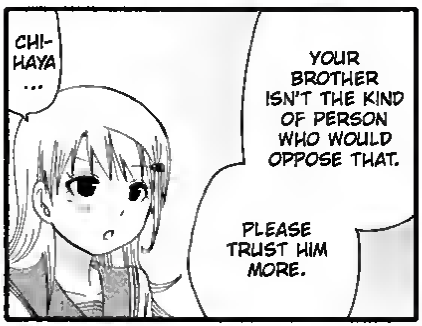

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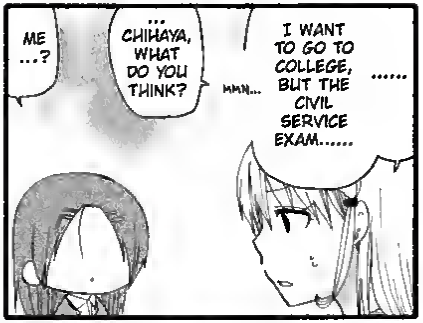
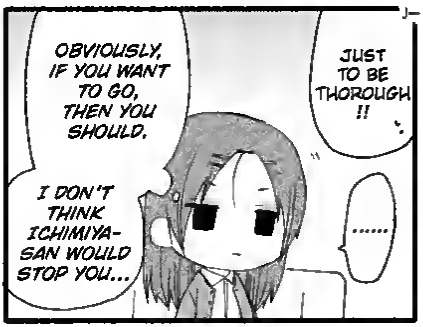
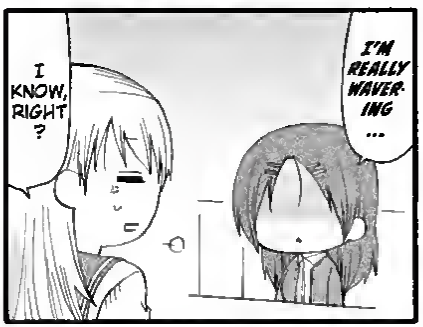
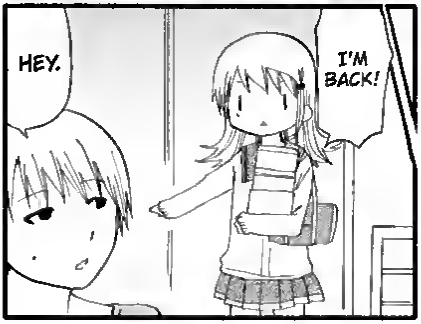
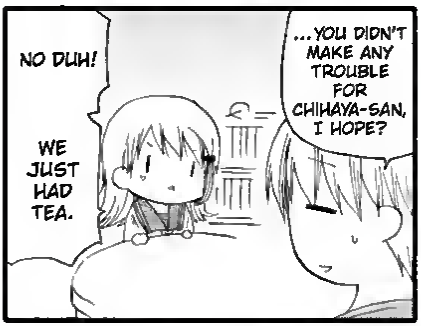




...WHEN SHE FINDS OUT ABOUT OUR RELATION-SHIP?
I'M NOT TRYING TO DO THAT, OF COURSE.
BUT WHAT IF SHE THINKS ...
"YOU TOLD ME I SHOULD GO TO COLLEGE TO GET RID OF ME!!"
GRRR!

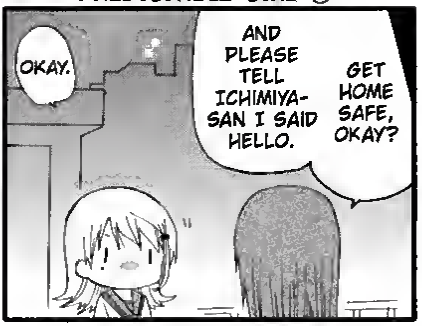


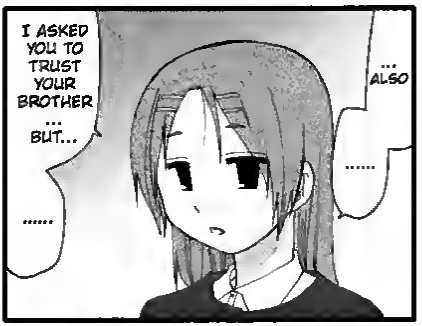

HEY.
I'M BACK!


NO DUH!
WE JUST HAD TEA.
...YOU DIDN'T MAKE ANY TROUBLE FOR CHIHAYA-SAN, I HOPE?

YEAH.
YOU SURE ARE CLOSE.

SHE MIGHT BE CLOSER WITH HER THAN I AM...
I REALLY LIKE CHIHAYA!


OKAY.
AND PLEASE TELL ICHIMIYA-SAN I SAID HELLO.
GET HOME SAFE, OKAY?


I ASKED YOU TO TRUST YOUR BROTHER ... BUT...
.....
... ALSO
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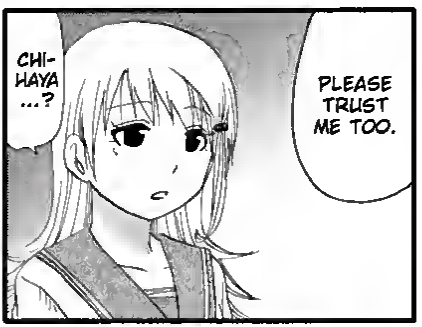
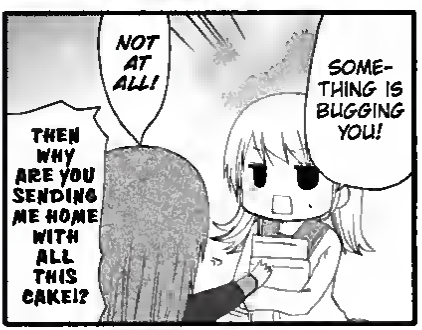
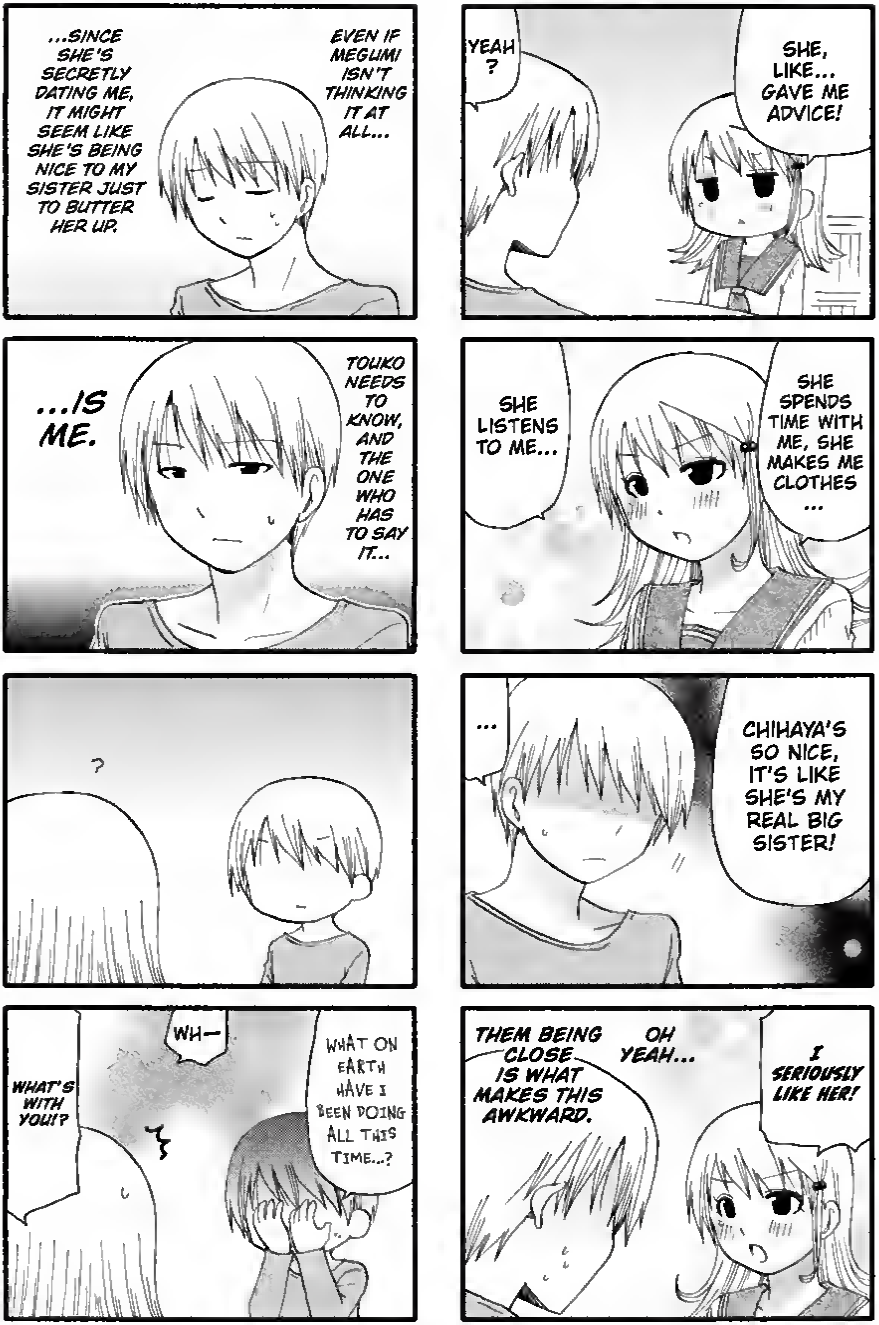

CHI-HAYA ...?
PLEASE TRUST ME TOO.


NOT AT ALL!
SOME-THING IS BUGGING YOU!
THEN WHY ARE YOU SENDING ME HOME WITH ALL THIS CAKE!?


ANALYTICAL CONCLUSION
...SINCE SHE'S SECRETLY DATING ME, IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE SHE'S BEING NICE TO MY SISTER JUST TO BUTTER HER UP.
EVEN IF MEGUMI ISN'T THINKING IT AT ALL...
...IS ME.
TOUKO NEEDS TO KNOW, AND THE ONE WHO HAS TO SAY IT...
?
WH—
WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
WHAT ON EARTH HAVE I BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME...?
THEIR RELATIONSHIP
YEAH ?
SHE, LIKE... GAVE ME ADVICE!
SHE LISTENS TO ME...
SHE SPENDS TIME WITH ME, SHE MAKES ME CLOTHES ...
...
CHIHAYA'S SO NICE, IT'S LIKE SHE'S MY REAL BIG SISTER!
THEM BEING CLOSE IS WHAT MAKES THIS AWKWARD.
OH YEAH...
I SERIOUSLY LIKE HER!

TRYING ON THE UNDER-GARMENTS SHE BOUGHT THE OTHER DAY BEFORE THE MOMENTUM WEARS OFF
THEY ARE CUTE ...
...BUT I THINK IT'S A LITTLE TOO SENSUAL FOR ME...
I CAN'T SEEM TO CALM DOWN...
HEY, LUCY. MORNIN'!
HUH?
IS IT JUST ME, OR IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU TODAY?
WHAT COULD IT BE...?
BWUH? WH-WHAT!?
ZOOM
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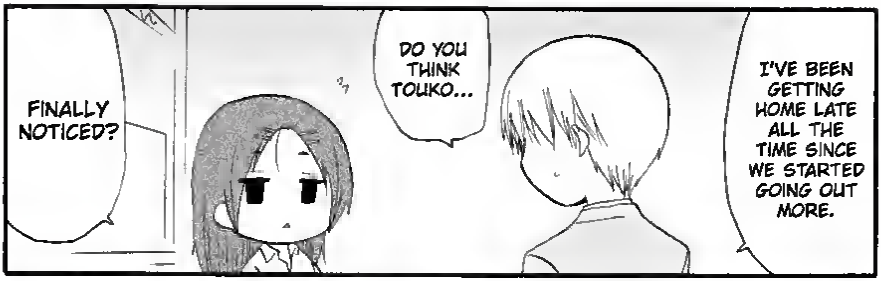
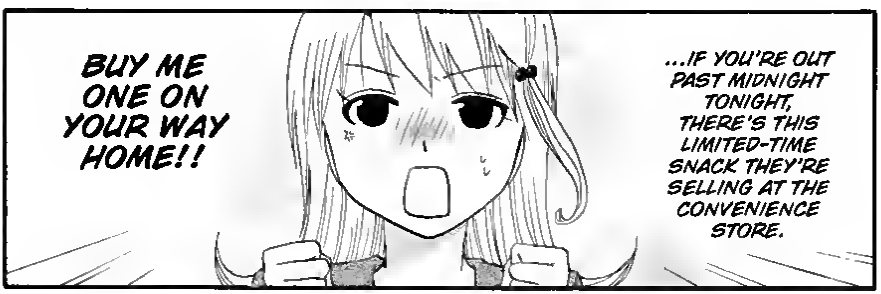
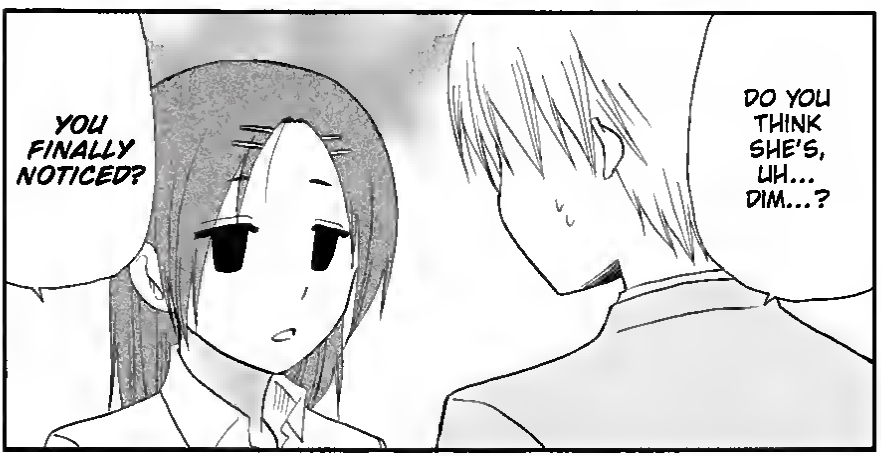
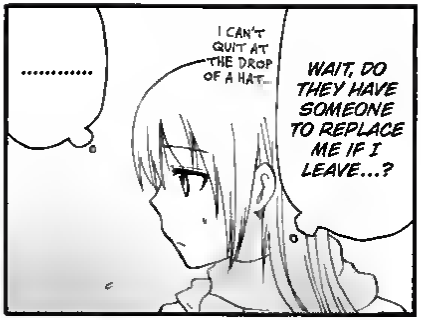
I'M SORRY !!?

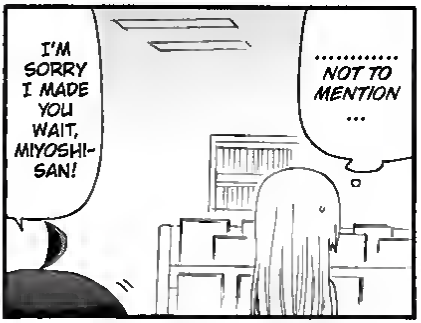

I'VE BEEN GETTING HOME LATE ALL THE TIME SINCE WE STARTED GOING OUT MORE.
DO YOU THINK TOUKO...
FINALLY NOTICED?

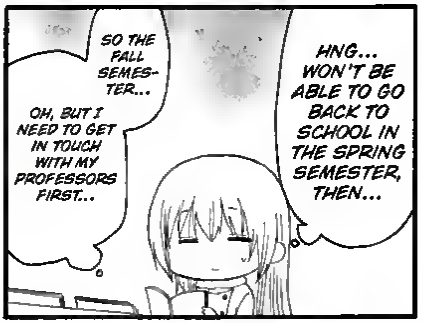
ONII-CHAN, YOU'VE BEEN COMING HOME LATE, RIGHT?
LIKE, SOMETIMES YOU'RE NOT BACK UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT.
.....LOOK... I DON'T REALLY WANNA ASK THIS, BUT...


...IF YOU'RE OUT PAST MIDNIGHT TONIGHT, THERE'S THIS LIMITED-TIME SNACK THEY'RE SELLING AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE.
BUY ME ONE ON YOUR WAY HOME!!

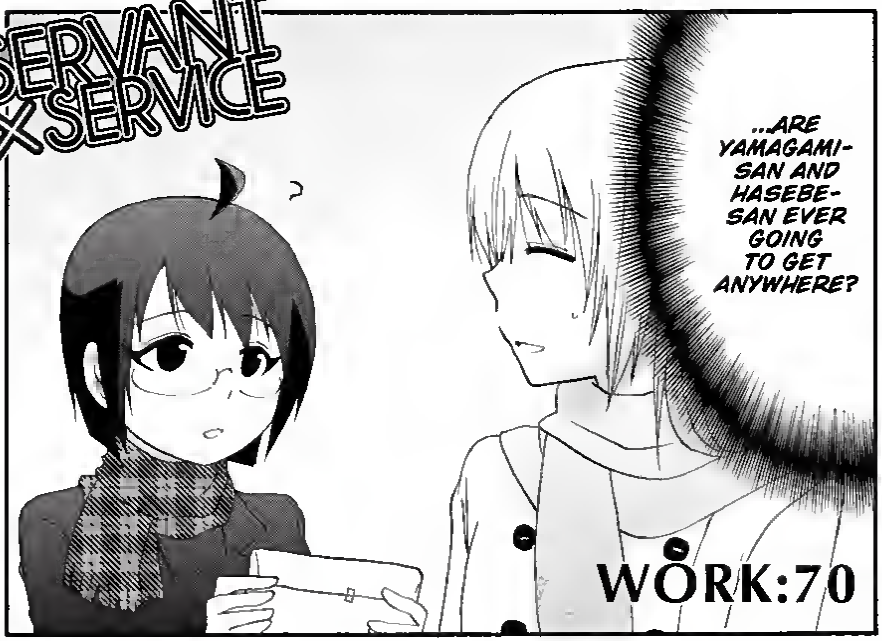

DO YOU THINK SHE'S, UH... DIM...?
YOU FINALLY NOTICED?






SO THE FALL SEMES-TER...
OH, BUT I NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MY PROFESSORS FIRST...
HNG... WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL IN THE SPRING SEMESTER, THEN...

SERVANT × SERVICE



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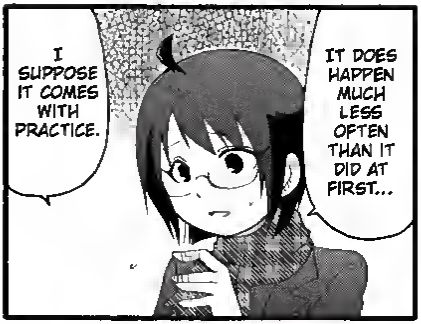
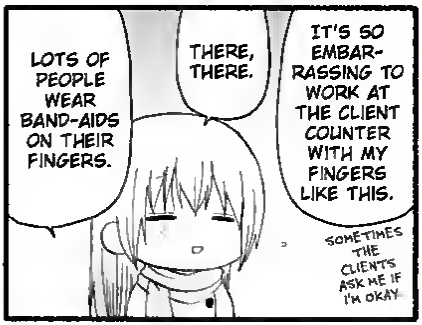
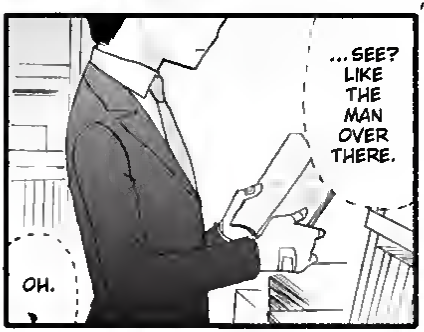
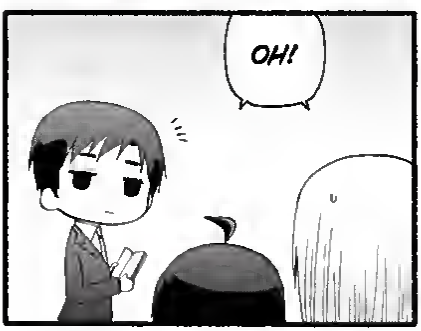
A FRIEND APPEARS




LOTS OF PEOPLE WEAR BAND-AIDS ON THEIR FINGERS.
THERE, THERE.
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING TO WORK AT THE CLIENT COUNTER WITH MY FINGERS LIKE THIS.
SOMETIMES THE CLIENTS ASK ME IF I'M OKAY





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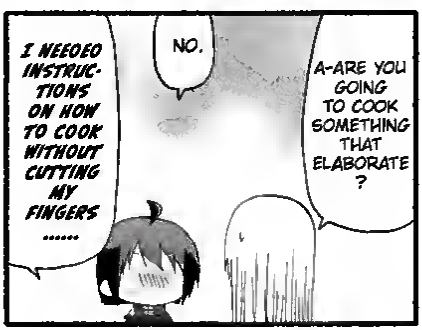

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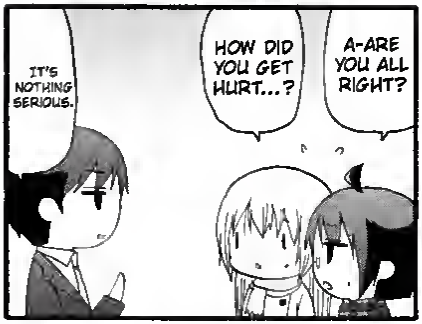

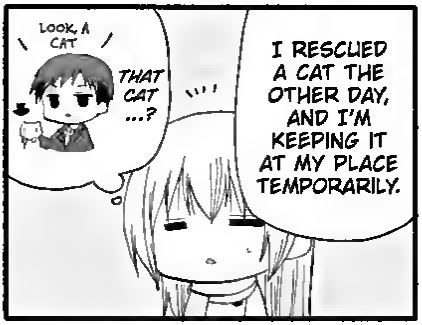

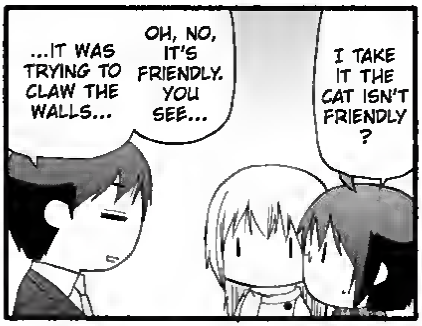

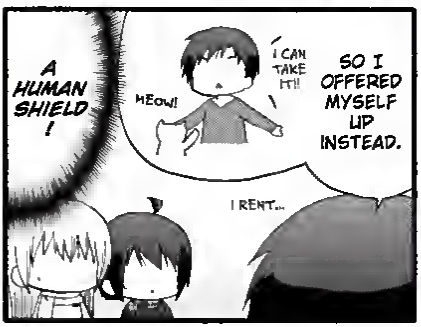

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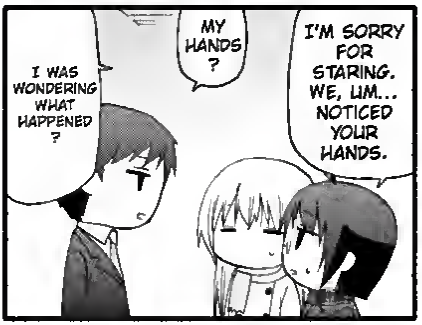
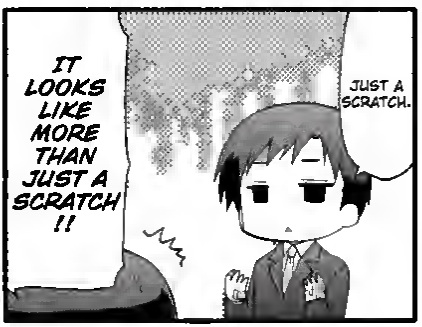
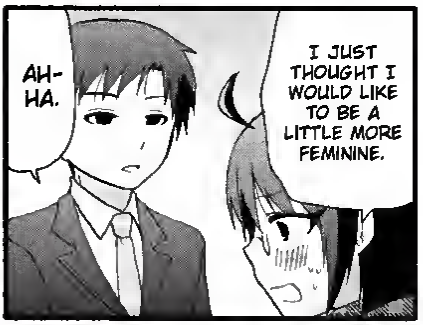
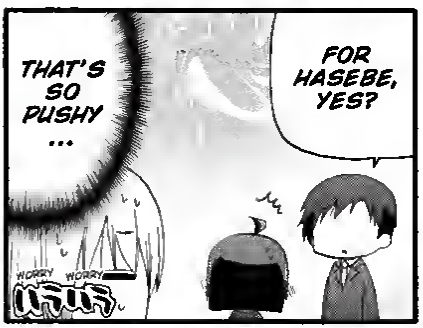




COOKING? AH-HA

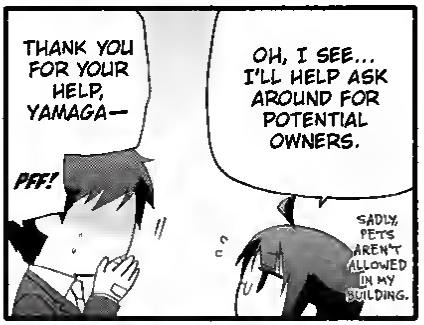




YAMAGAMI-SAN AND GEORGE

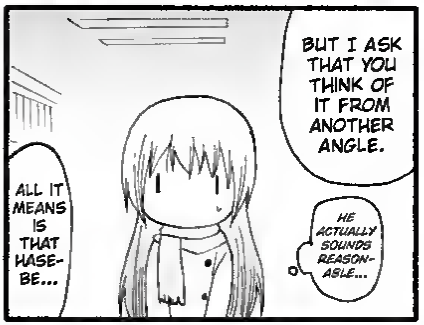
YOU CAN'T KEEP HIM, TANAKA-SAN?
HOPEFULLY, I CAN FIND HIM AN OWNER SOONER THAN LATER.
I COME HOME LATE, AND I'M SURE THE CAT IS STRESSED ENOUGH AS IT IS...

I'D FEEL BAD DISPLACING HIM SO MANY TIMES...
THEY SAY THAT CATS GET ATTACHED TO THEIR HOMES
IT WOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM NOW, BUT BANK CLERKS ARE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN LOCATIONS OFTEN.

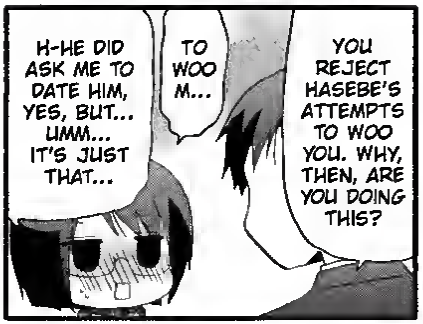

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, YAMAGA—
PFF!
OH, I SEE... I'LL HELP ASK AROUND FOR POTENTIAL OWNERS.
SADLY, PETS AREN'T ALLOWED IN MY BUILDING.

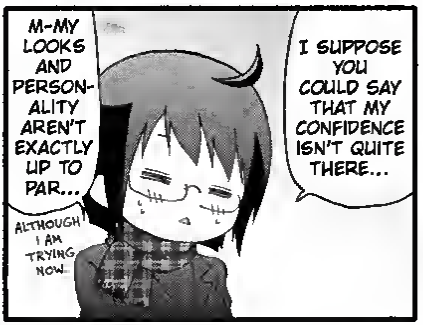
O-OH, RIGHT... WHEN I VENTED TO HIM, I WENT AND TOLD HIM ABOUT HER NAME PROBLEM...
YES, THANK YOU.
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

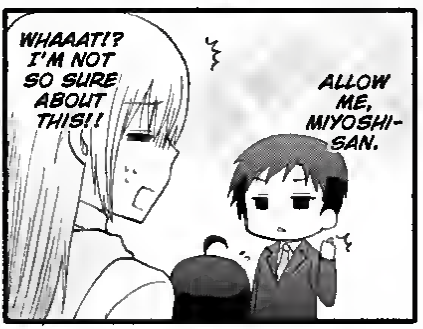
HIS PROUD POINT



TAKING ON MIYOSHI'S WILL


H-HE DID ASK ME TO DATE HIM, YES, BUT... UMM... IT'S JUST THAT...
TO WOO M...
YOU REJECT HASEBE'S ATTEMPTS TO WOO YOU. WHY, THEN, ARE YOU DOING THIS?


M-MY LOOKS AND PERSONALITY AREN'T EXACTLY UP TO PAR...
ALTHOUGH I AM TRYING NOW...
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THAT MY CONFIDENCE ISN'T QUITE THERE...



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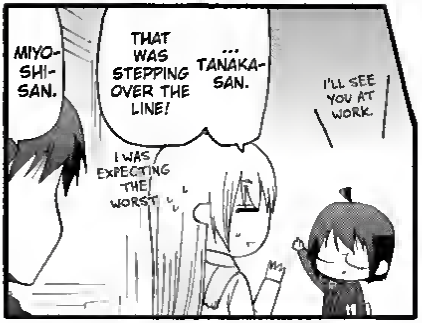

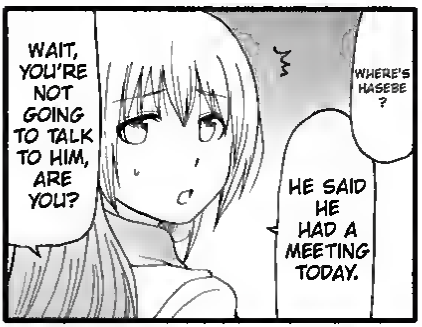

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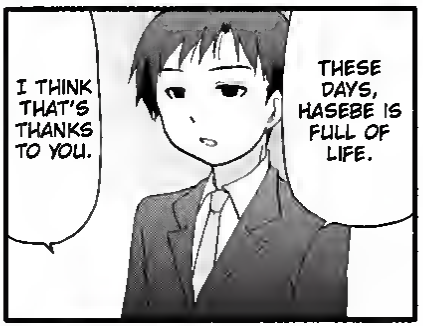
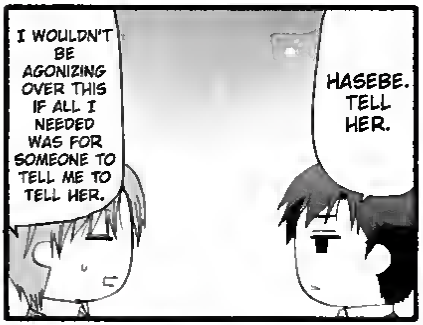


I DON'T THINK I REST EASY ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOR ...
I'VE BEEN WATCHING HASEBE FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, SO I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. YOU CAN REST EASY.

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL



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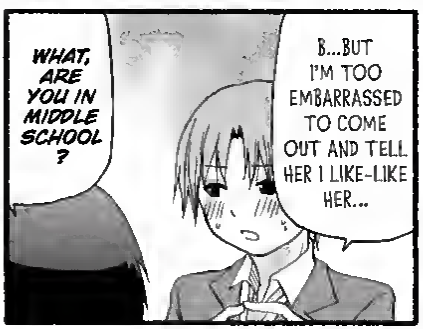
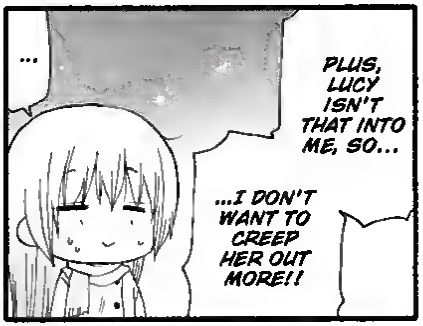
I'M GUESSING SO FROM WHAT SHE'S SAID.
URK!
YES, TELL HER THE STORY BEHIND HER NAME, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU HAVEN'T TOLD HER, ISN'T THERE?

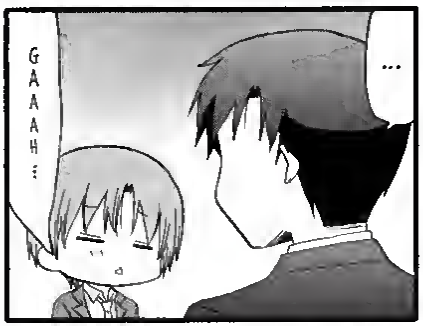


ABOUT YAMAGAMI, LU...

IF YOU INSIST

ALL KINDS OF SUFFERING





STRATEGY
ULTIMATUMS
OKAY. YOU'RE ON.
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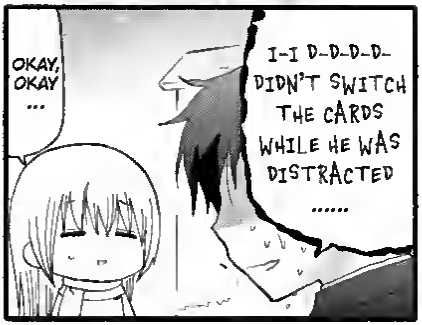
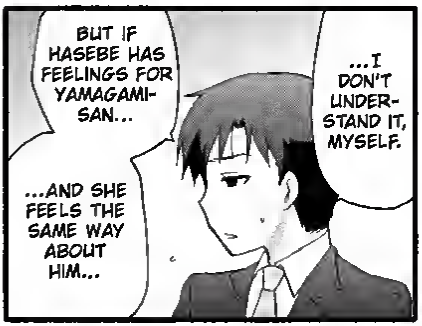
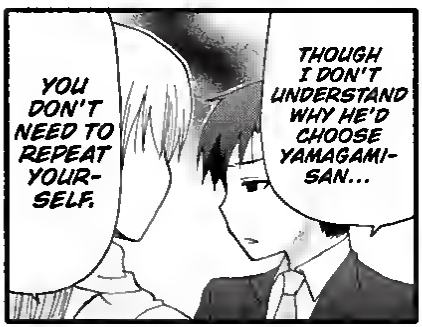
OH, WHATEVER. NOT LIKE I'LL LOSE.
HEY, I AIN'T AGREED TO THIS.
THE MAN WHO ENDS UP WITH THE JOKER WINS.
I HAD A FEELING THIS WOULD HAPPEN, SO I CAME PREPARED WITH TWO CARDS.
DUDE'S GOT NO POKER FACE. TOO EASY.
IT'S THE RIGHT CARD
...YOU'LL TELL YAMAGAMI-SAN HOW YOU FEEL.
IF I WIN...
FREEZE
OH, LOOK. IT'S YAMAGAMI-SAN.
AND IF YOU WIN...
HUH?
NEVER MIND. MY MISTAKE.
PLEASE STOP DOING THAT ANYWAY!
...I'LL STOP FOLLOWING YOU AROUND.

ACCEPTING
THE VICTOR
.....
OKAY.
YOU WIN.
THERE.
SNAP
TCH.
I'M OUT.
SORRY TO LEAVE YOU WITH THIS DUDE.
GOOD-NIGHT ...
G'NIGHT, MIYOSHI-CHAN.
I WIN.
JOKER
HWUH ?
HOW ...?
THANKS, GEORGE.
MUMBLE
I'LL KEEP MY END OF THE DEAL.
.....

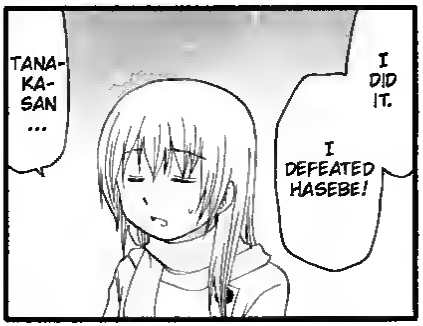
DON'T UNDERSTAND IT

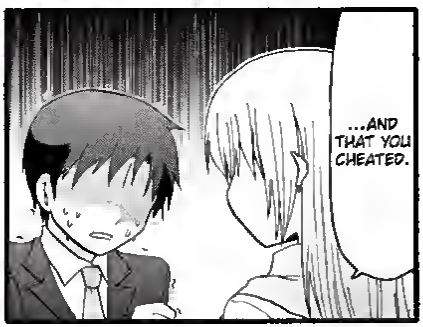


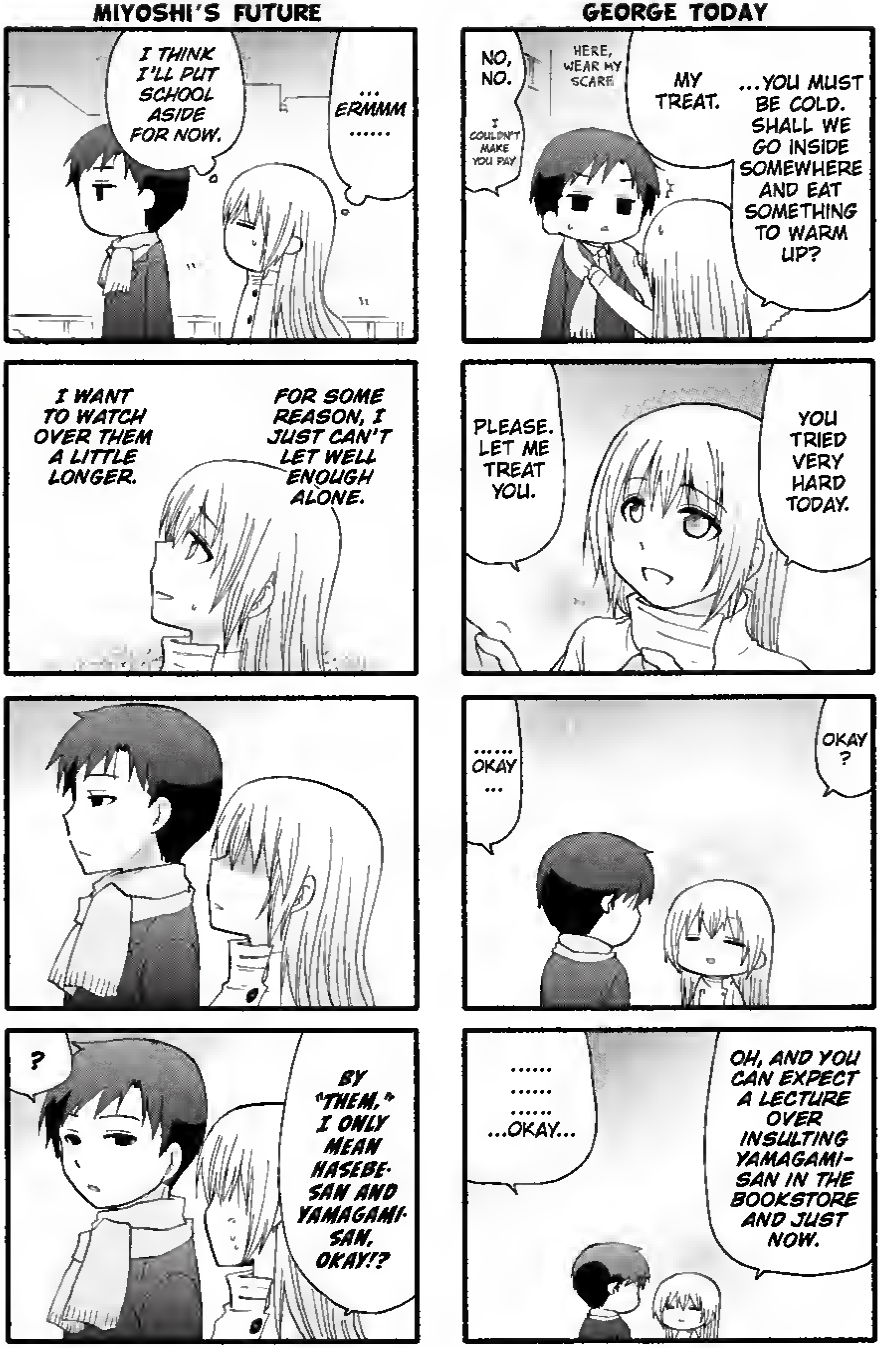




A FIRST FOR GEORGE






MIYOSHI'S FUTURE
I THINK I'LL PUT SCHOOL ASIDE FOR NOW.
...ERMMM.....
I WANT TO WATCH OVER THEM A LITTLE LONGER.
FOR SOME REASON, I JUST CAN'T LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.
?
BY "THEM," I ONLY MEAN HASEBE-SAN AND YAMAGAMI-SAN, OKAY!?
GEORGE TODAY
NO, NO.
I COULDN'T MAKE YOU PAY
HERE, WEAR MY SCARF.
MY TREAT.
...YOU MUST BE COLD. SHALL WE GO INSIDE SOMEWHERE AND EAT SOMETHING TO WARM UP?
PLEASE. LET ME TREAT YOU.
YOU TRIED VERY HARD TODAY.
.....OKAY...
OKAY?
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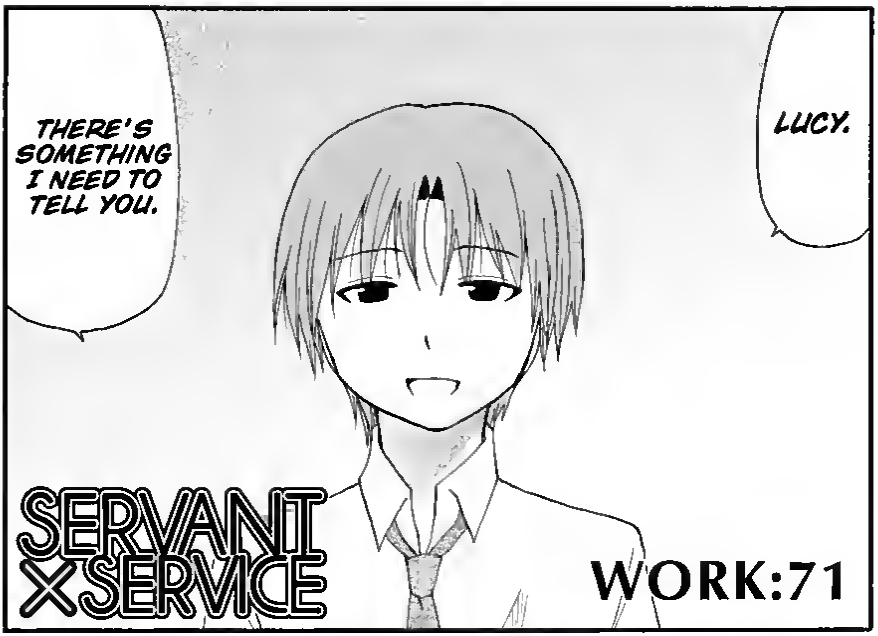
...OKAY...
OH, AND YOU CAN EXPECT A LECTURE OVER INSULTING YAMAGAMI-SAN IN THE BOOKSTORE AND JUST NOW.


LUCY.
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.
SERVANT × SERVICE
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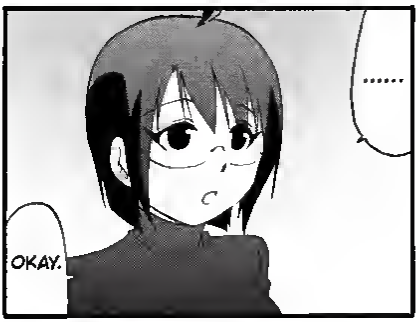
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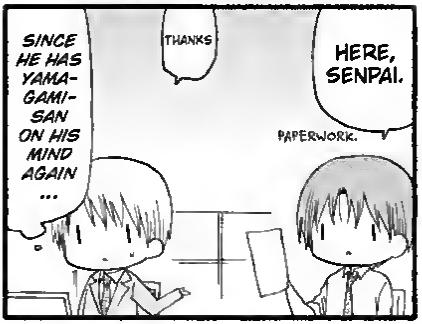
OKAY.

I—
YOU'RE THINKING I STILL WON'T TELL YOU, AREN'T YOU?
I AM NOT!!

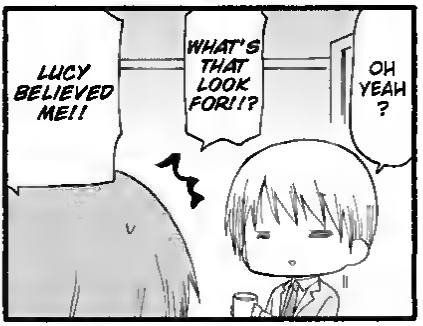
OKAY.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU GO OUTSIDE.
CAN YOU MEET ME IN THE PARK WHERE WE TALKED LAST TIME?

HE'S LEARNED



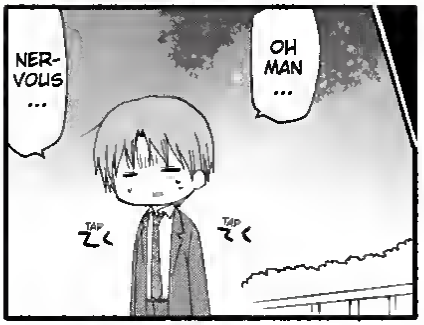
YOUR WRITING IS A LITTLE SHAKY, BUT THAT'S OKAY!!
I'M PROUD, HASEBE!
I'D BE DOING WRONG BY LUCY IF I MADE MISTAKES ON THE JOB 'COS OF HER...

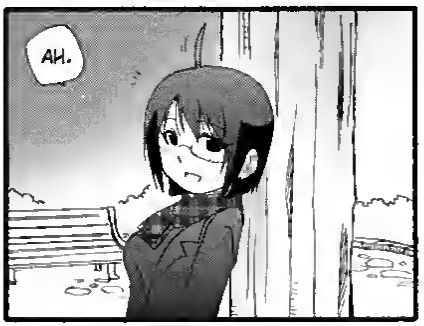
TODAY'S THE DAY



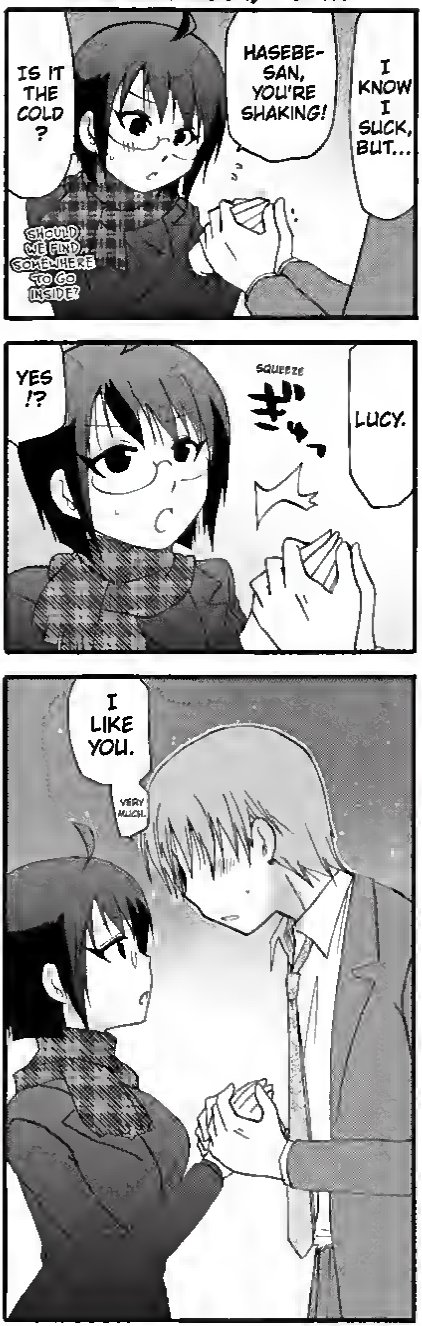
ONE MINUTE, ONE SECOND

MEETING TIME





I KNOW I SUCK, BUT...

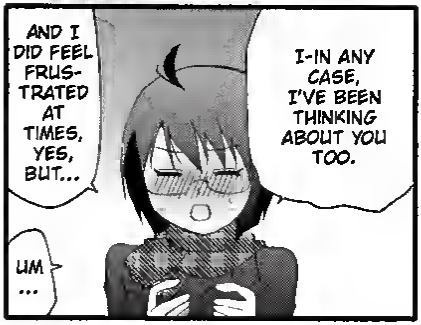


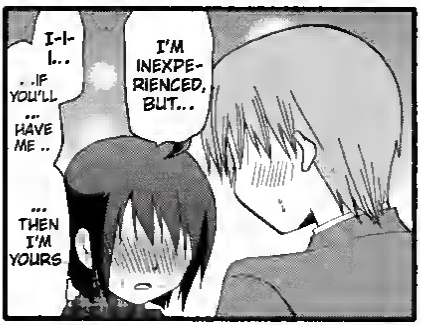
I SUCK

...YOUR HANDS ARE COLD.
I'VE NEVER HAD A GIRL SHOW UP FIRST...
IT'S OKAY.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD US MEET UP OUTSIDE IN THE FIRST PLACE, HUH?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
HA HA HA.
BOY, DO I SUCK.
HERE I THOUGHT I KNEW HOW TO TREAT A LADY RIGHT.
IT'S... IT'S MY FAULT?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.
WHEN YOU'RE INVOLVED, I TOTALLY SUCK.

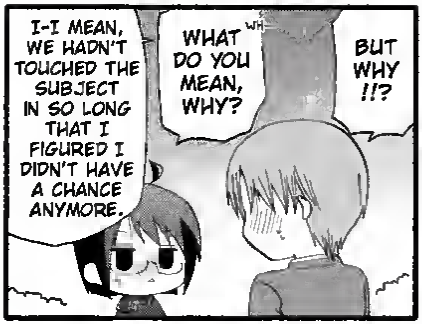
THAT REACTION MEANS...
I...
I DO ...
U—
UM ...
L... LUCY ...?
I DO TOO.
THIS IS GONNA SUCK
.....
GUH...I WENT AND SOUNDED TOO SERIOUS.
SO NOT Cool.
FAIRLY WELL!?
FAIRLY WELL.
BUT I GOTTA GET DOWN TO BUSINESS NOW. HER NAME.
THIS IS GONNA SUCK...I LEFT HER ALONE FOR SO LONG THAT SHE PROBS ISN'T INTERESTED IN ME AT ALL ANYMORE...
GRIT
A LOT!?
A LOT...
QUITE A LOT!?
QU... QUITE A LOT...
WHAT IN THE WORLD!?

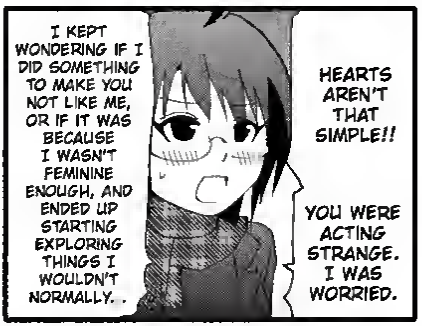
ORIGINAL GOAL: COMPLETE

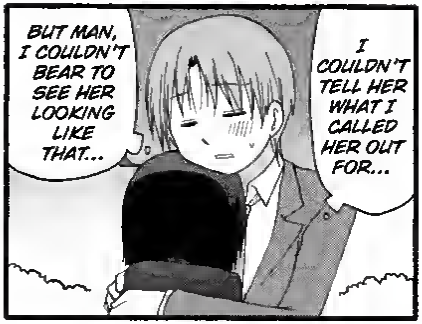




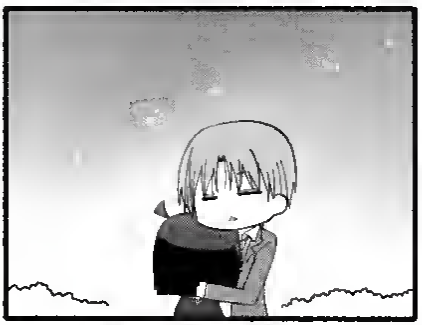
LUCY'S FEELINGS




I KEPT WONDERING IF I DID SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU NOT LIKE ME, OR IF IT WAS BECAUSE I WASN'T FEMININE ENOUGH, AND ENDED UP STARTING EXPLORING THINGS I WOULDN'T NORMALLY. .
HEARTS AREN'T THAT SIMPLE!!
YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE. I WAS WORRIED.


BUT MAN, I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE HER LOOKING LIKE THAT...
I COULDN'T TELL HER WHAT I CALLED HER OUT FOR...

GOD, I DON'T MIND IF IT MAKES ME SCUM, OR IF IT'LL MAKE LUCY HATE ME.
JUST PLEASE, DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO MAKE HER SAD!



PLEASE!
BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE LET ME BE HAPPY TOO!
.....I CAN'T BREATHE...

I LIKE YOU, BUT!!
WAIT, THAT'S NOT IT!

TOO OVER-WHELMED TO PROCESS ANYTHING MORE
BUT?

WHAT IS IT?
WH—

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HUG
I LIKE YOU!

I TOLD LUCY HOW I FEEL.
I HELD UP MY END OF THE DEAL.
BUT SHE'S MY GIRLFRIEND NOW!
WE WERE BOTH ALL FLUSTERED, SO I COULDN'T SAY IT.
...BUT THEN SHE AGREED TO GO OUT WITH ME.
I WAS GONNA TELL HER ABOUT HER NAME, AFTER THAT...
PAT
PAT
...

.....
.....
MY CAREER GOALS
FIRST CHOICE
SECOND CHOICE
COMMENTS
CLASS
...MY CAREER GOALS SHEET.
I HAVE TO TURN IN...
SERVANT × SERVICE
TOUKO-CHAN'S STILL WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL ...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ASK KANON WHAT SHE THINKS I SHOULD DO...
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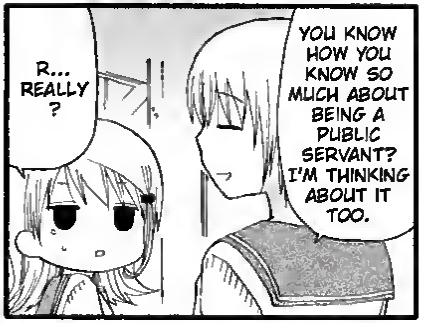
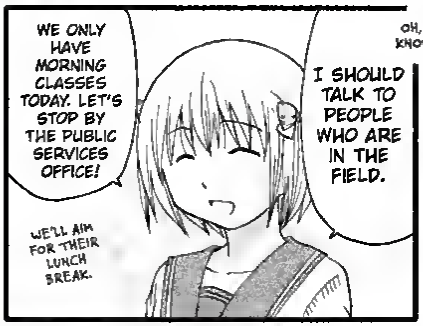
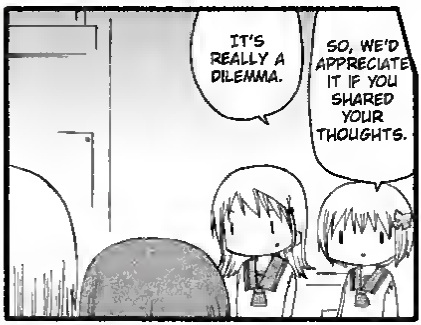
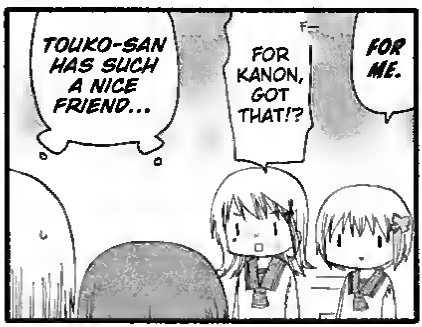
MY FRIEND'S WORRIED




WE ONLY HAVE MORNING CLASSES TODAY. LET'S STOP BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OFFICE!
WE'LL AIM FOR THEIR LUNCH BREAK.
OH, I KNOW!
I SHOULD TALK TO PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE FIELD.





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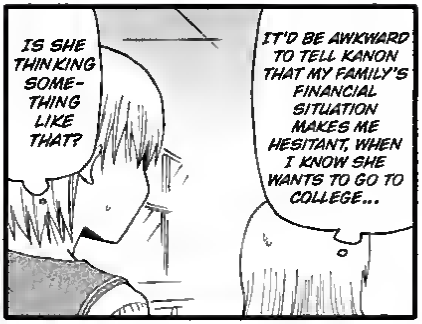
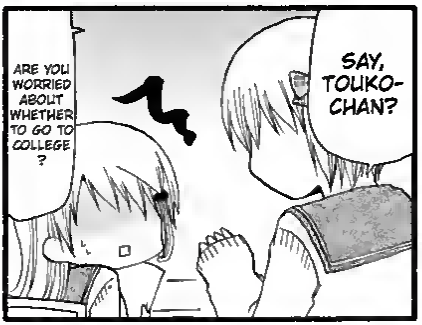
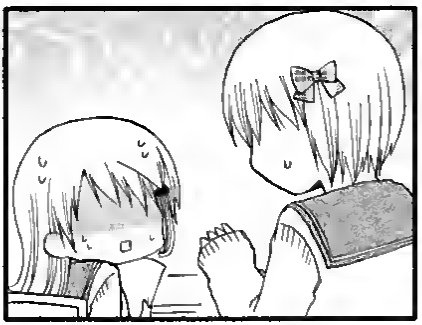
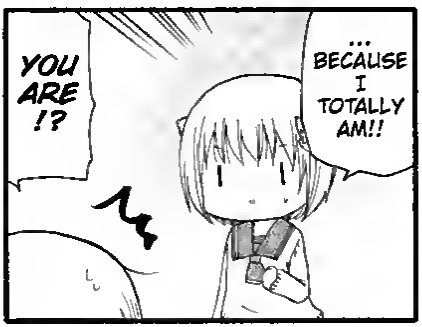

IS SHE THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
IT'D BE AWKWARD TO TELL KANON THAT MY FAMILY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION MAKES ME HESITANT, WHEN I KNOW SHE WANTS TO GO TO COLLEGE...







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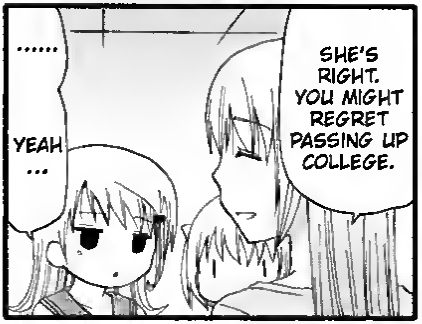
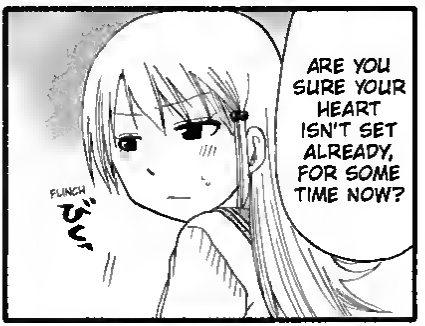
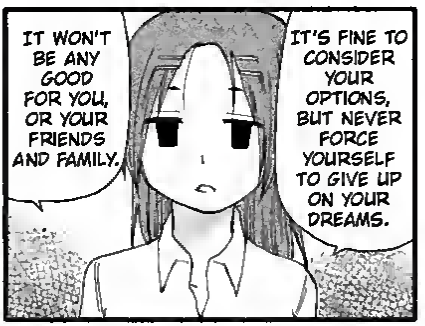
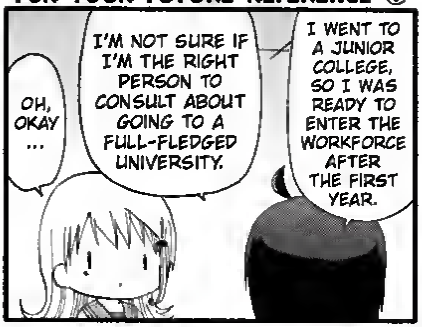


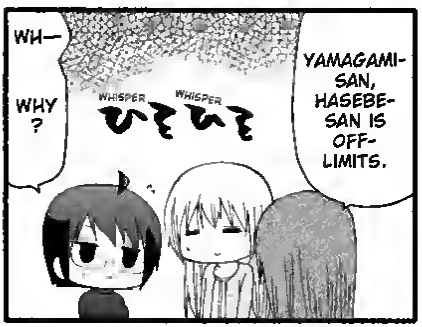
ADVICE FOR YOU

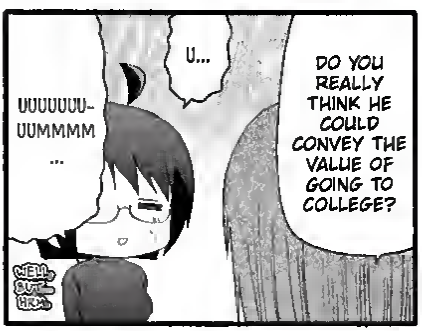



IT WON'T BE ANY GOOD FOR YOU, OR YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
IT'S FINE TO CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS, BUT NEVER FORCE YOURSELF TO GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAMS.

FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE ①


I WENT TO A JUNIOR COLLEGE, SO I WAS READY TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.
I'M NOT SURE IF I'M THE RIGHT PERSON TO CONSULT ABOUT GOING TO A FULL-FLEDGED UNIVERSITY.
OH, OKAY ...





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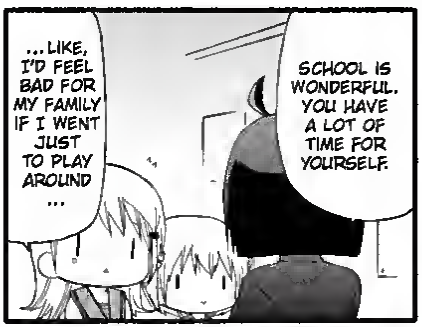

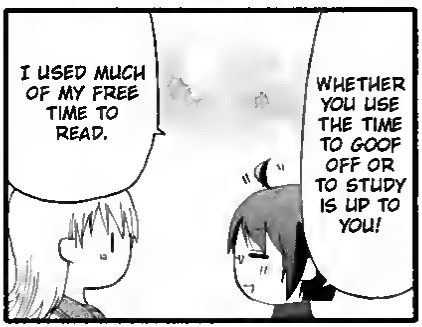

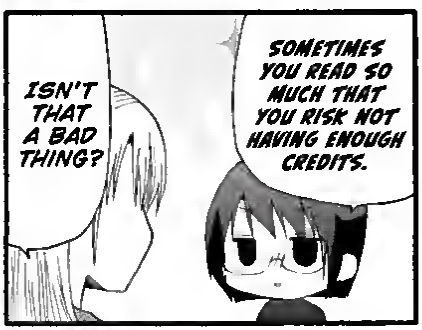

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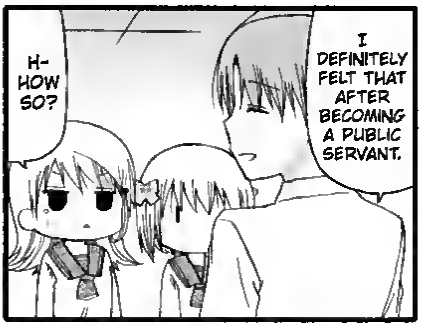
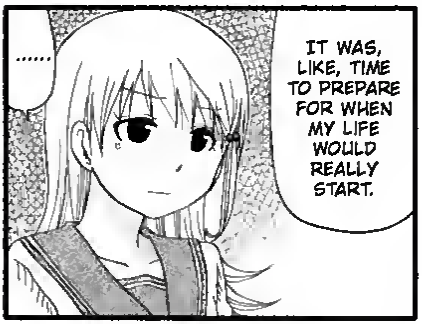
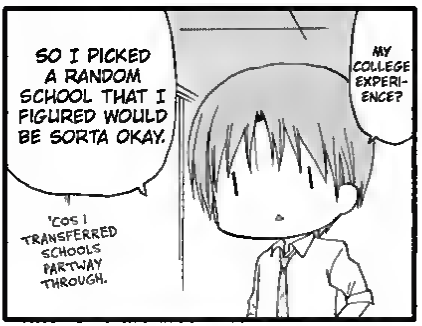
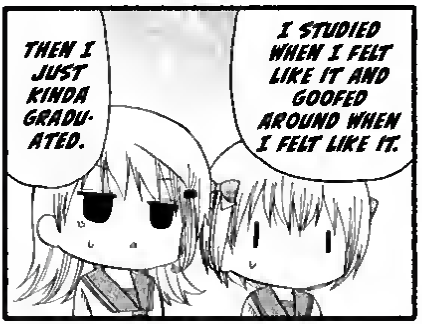




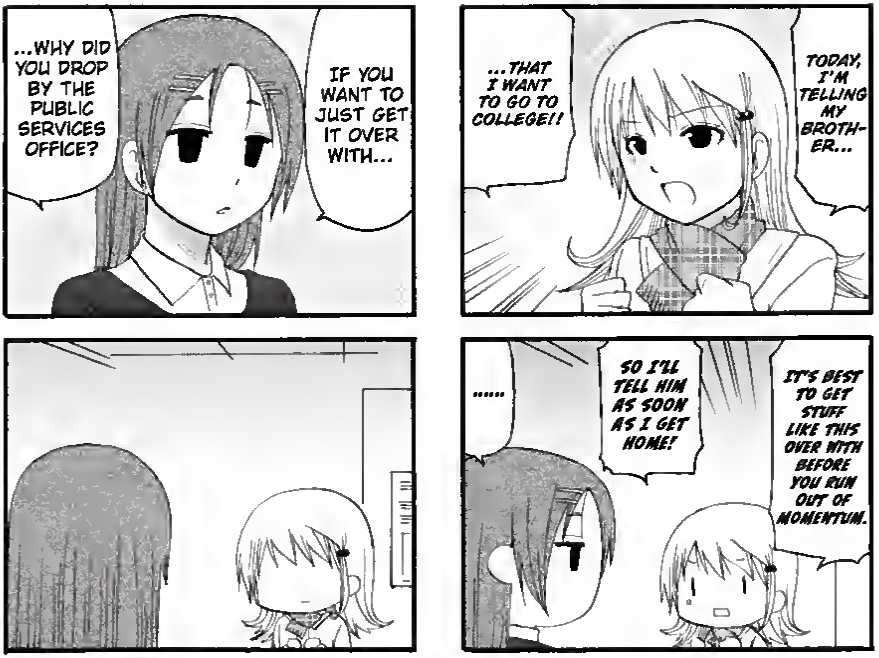
COLLEGE EXPERIENCE ②

TOUKO-CHAN?
I'M NOT THE ONE ASKING !!!!
YOU CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO GO TO COLLEGE OR BECOME A PUBLIC SERVANT?
THEY ASKED JUST IN CASE.


SO I PICKED A RANDOM SCHOOL THAT I FIGURED WOULD BE SORTA OKAY.
'COS I TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS PARTWAY THROUGH.
MY COLLEGE EXPERI-ENCE?



IT HELPED
BYE!
MY MIND'S MADE UP.
THANKS TO HASEBE-SAN...I THINK?
...TOUKO-SAN DECIDED WHAT TO DO.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME NOT CARING HAS COME IN HANDY.
UHHH.
YES. IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF HASEBE-SAN'S FLIPPANT LIFESTYLE!!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE PRAISING ME FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND THIS IS WHAT I GET!?
...FOR NOT CARING !!
THREE CHEERS ...
TOUKO'S MIND, MADE UP
... KANON ...
IT DIDN'T HELP, DID IT...?
BUT I'VE MADE MY DECI-SION.
I KNEW.
AH. OKAY ...
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER TO GO TO COLLEGE OR BECOME A PUBLIC SERVANT.
... GOING TO COLLEGE !!
I'M...
UH?
IF HASEBE WENT, WHY CAN'T I!!?


...WHY DID YOU DROP BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES OFFICE?
IF YOU WANT TO JUST GET IT OVER WITH...
...THAT I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE!!
TODAY, I'M TELLING MY BROTH-ER...
.....
SO I'LL TELL HIM AS SOON AS I GET HOME!
IT'S BEST TO GET STUFF LIKE THIS OVER WITH BEFORE YOU RUN OUT OF MOMENTUM.

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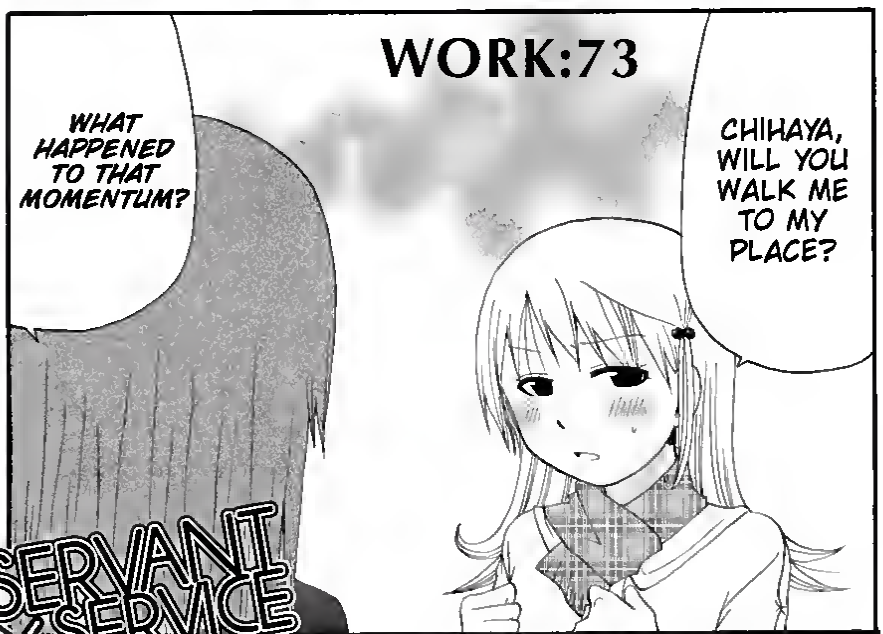
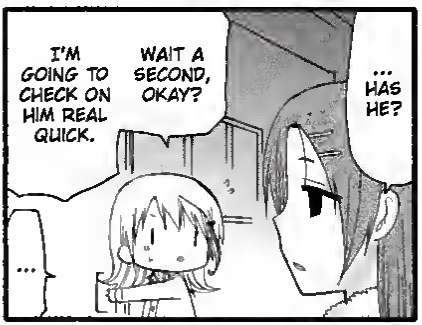
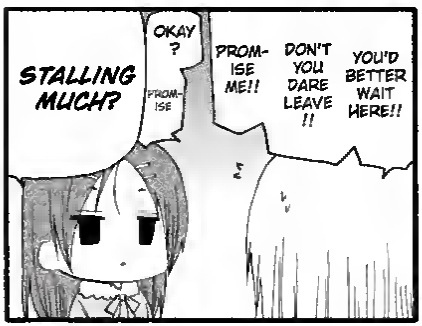


SERVANT X SERVICE

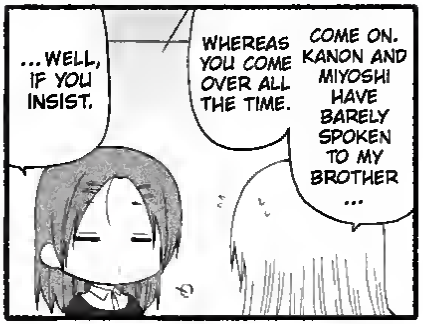
HAVE TO SAY IT

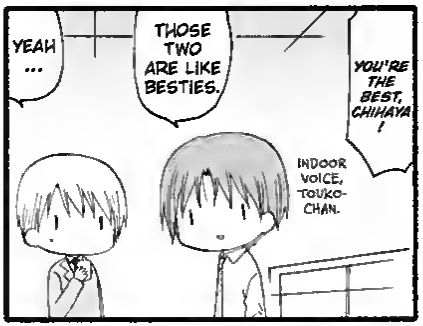
MY BROTHER'S ALWAYS TOLD ME THAT IT'S BAD TO PROCRASTINATE. EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE.
AND NO PUTTING IT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW.
I KNOW THAT!

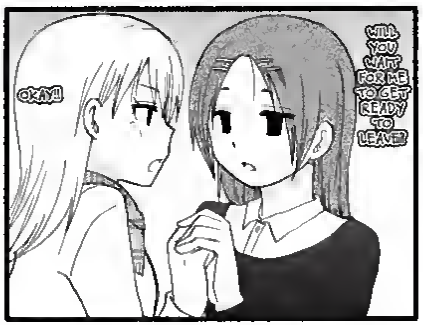




THE TIME FOR A DECISION

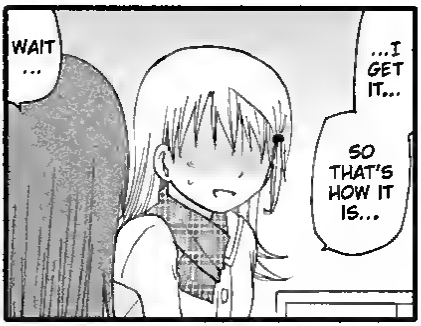




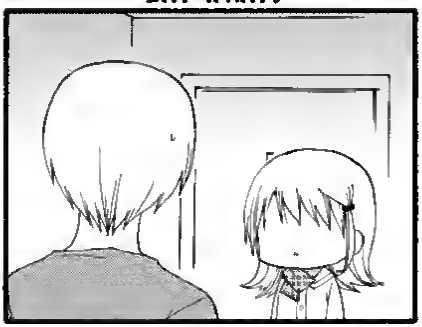


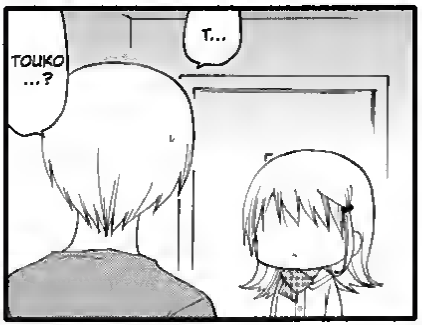
THE TRUTH IS...
HERE'S FINE.
U-UH, THAT'S OKAY.
COME INSIDE FIRST, OKAY?
TOUKO.
.....
WH—
WHAT'S UP?
...DATING CHIHAYA-SAN.
I'M ...
...HAVE BEEN FOR A WHILE.
WE NEED TO TALK
KACHA
がちゃ
I—
I'M HOME!
.....
.....
HEY.
L—
WE NEED T—
TOUKO.
L—
LISTEN, ONII-CHAN.
!?
WE NEED TO TALK.

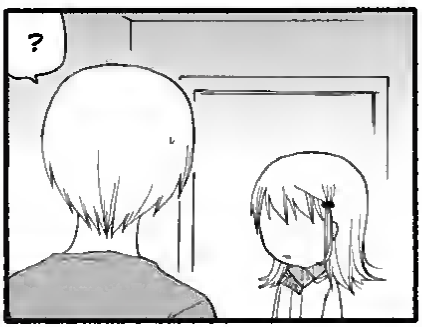
THE SECRET TRUTH

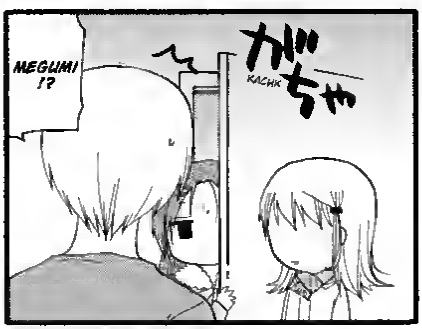


SAY WHAT?









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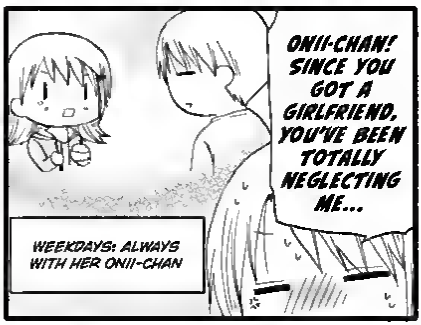

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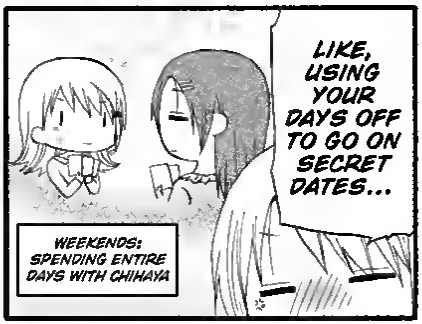
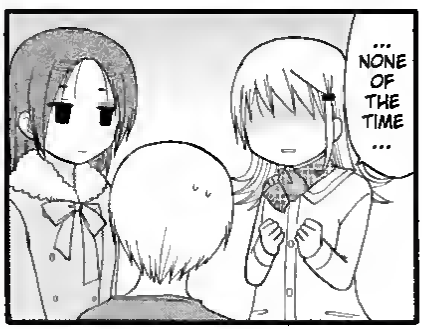
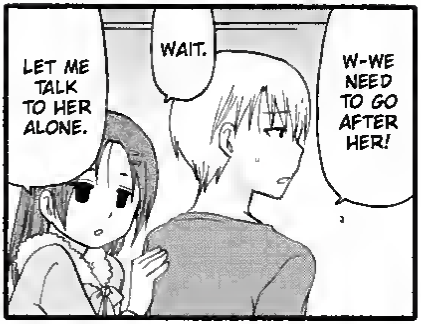
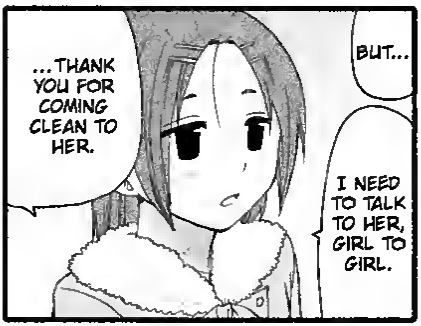




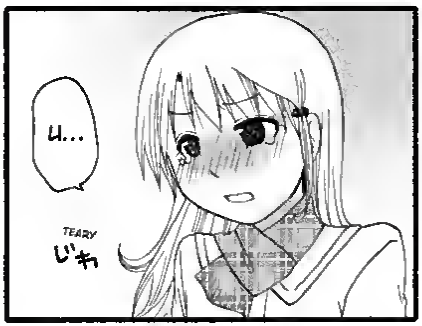

LET ME TALK TO HER ALONE.
WAIT.
W-WE NEED TO GO AFTER HER!


...THANK YOU FOR COMING CLEAN TO HER.
BUT...
I NEED TO TALK TO HER, GIRL TO GIRL.

O-
OKAY, THEN...
TAP
LATER.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

YUP...
WE CAN TALK ABOUT HOW YOU SPILLED THE BEANS WITHOUT CLEARING IT WITH ME FIRST LATER.

T... TOUKO...
.....
UM...


U...
TEARY
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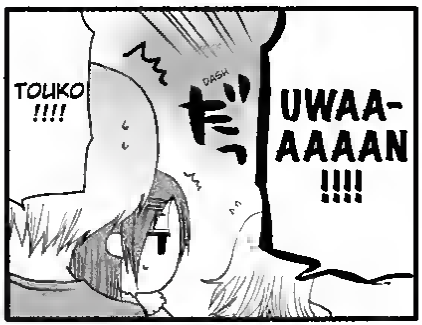
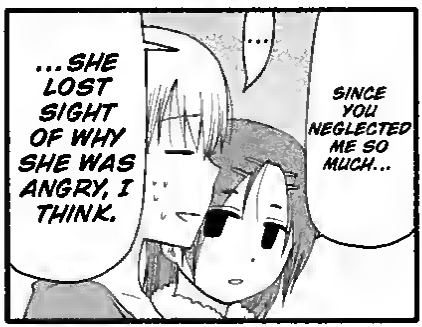
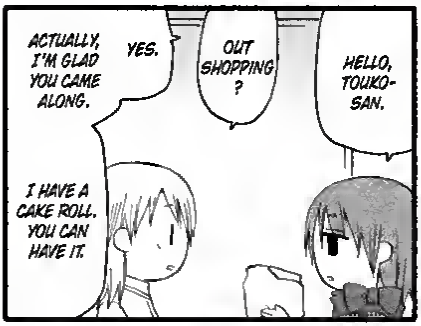
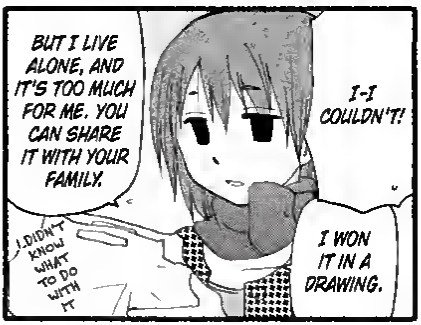

TOUKO!!!!
DASH
UWAA-AAAAN!!!!

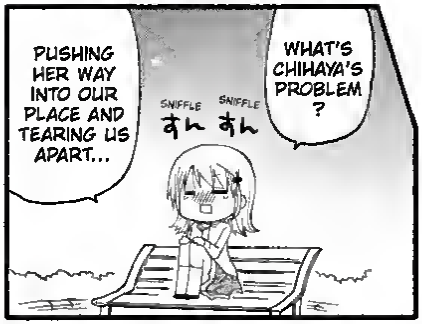

...SHE LOST SIGHT OF WHY SHE WAS ANGRY, I THINK.
...
SINCE YOU NEGLECTED ME SO MUCH...

THAT FATEFUL MOMENT




I-I COULDN'T!
BUT I LIVE ALONE, AND IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME. YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH YOUR FAMILY.
I WON IT IN A DRAWING.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT

THE TASTE OF MEMORIES



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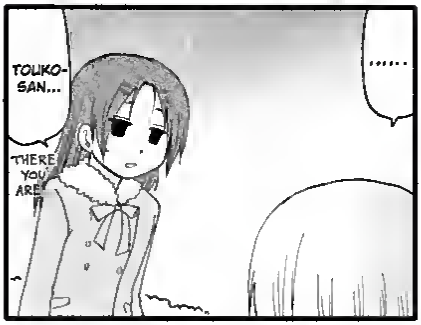

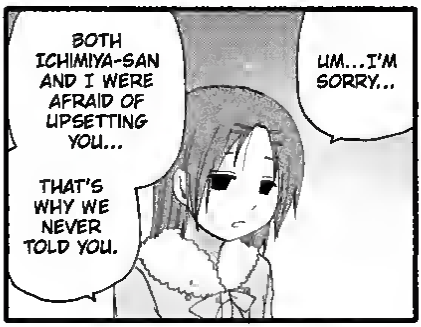

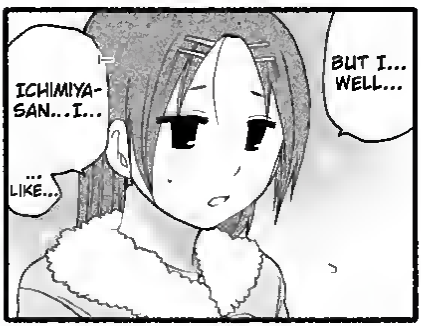

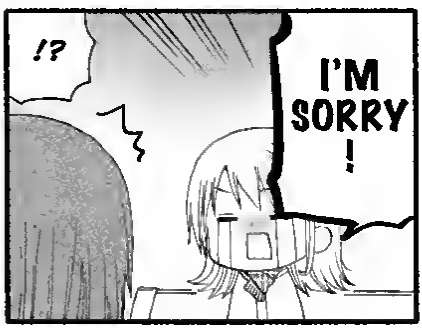

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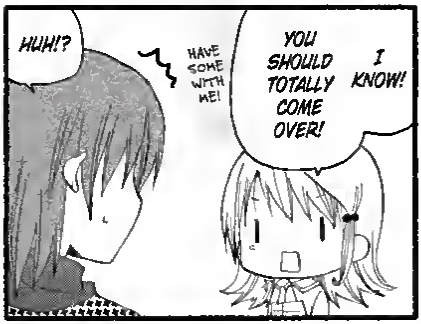
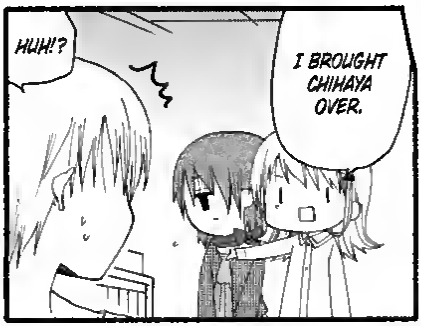
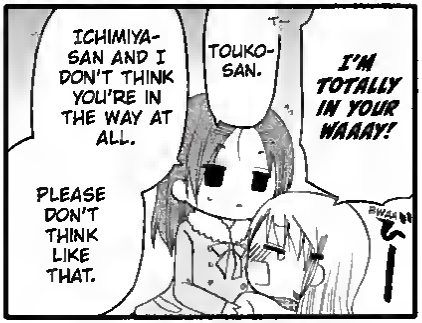
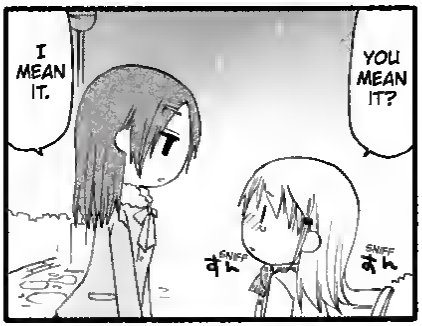
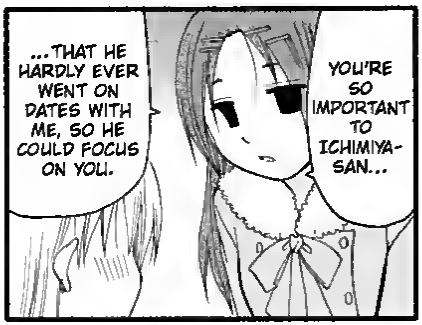


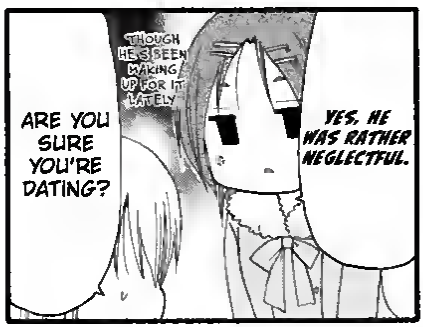


CHIHAYA AND ICHIMIYA'S RELATIONSHIP ①









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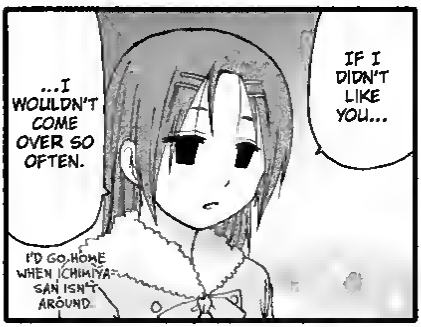

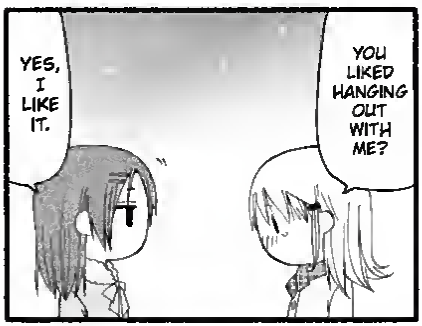

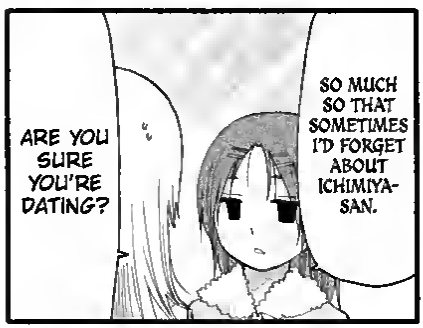

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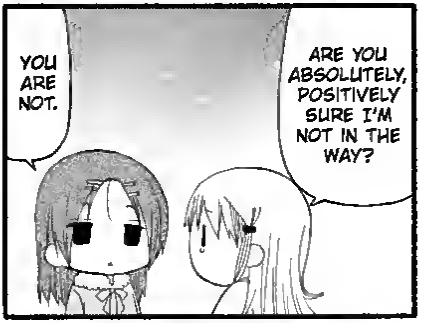

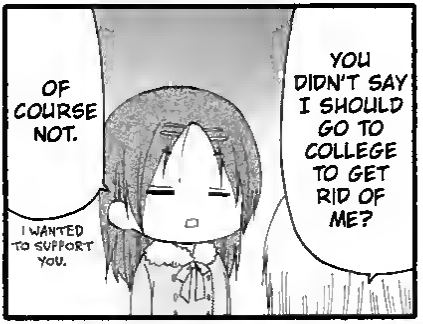

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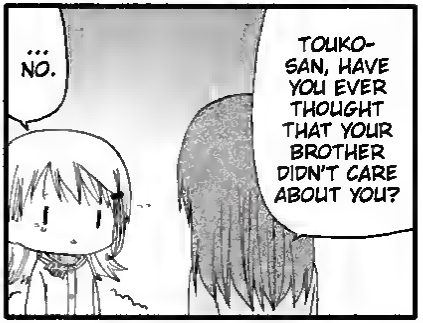

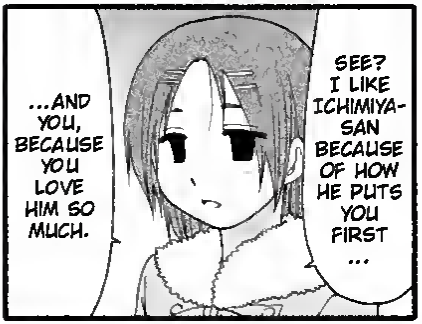

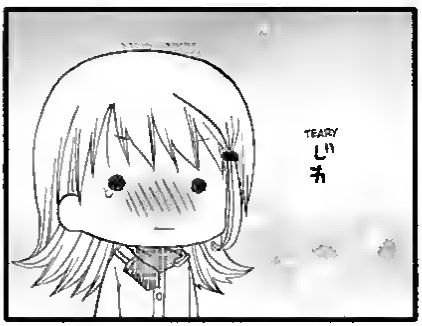

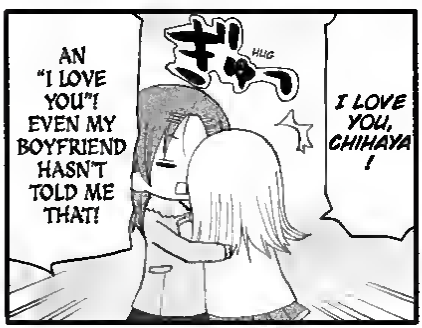

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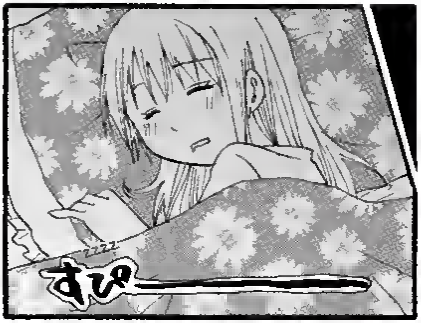

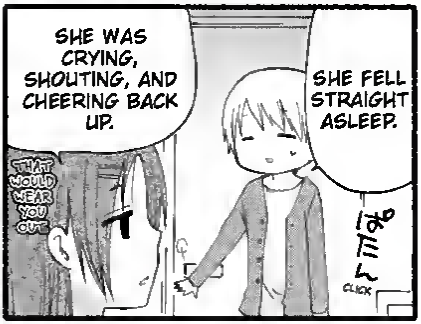

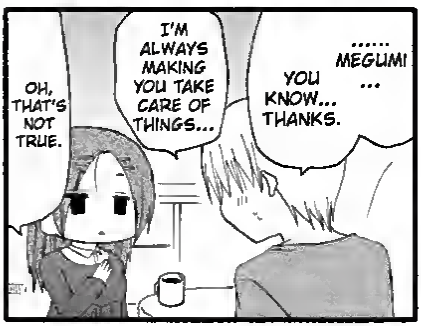

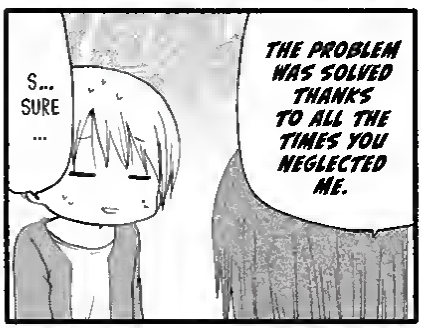

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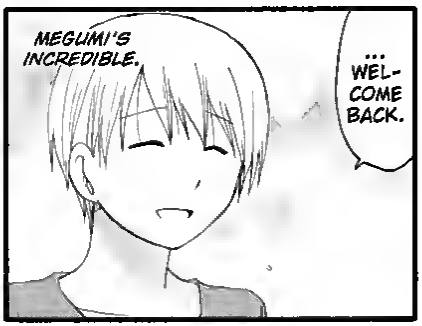
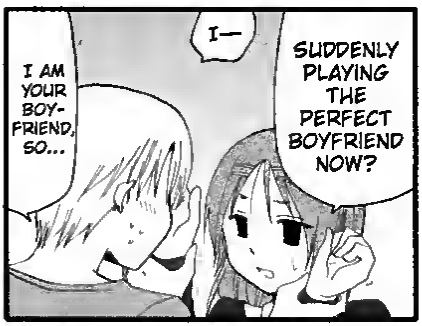


SOMEHOW IT BECAME A WAR



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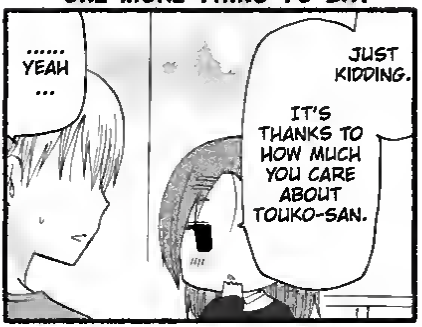
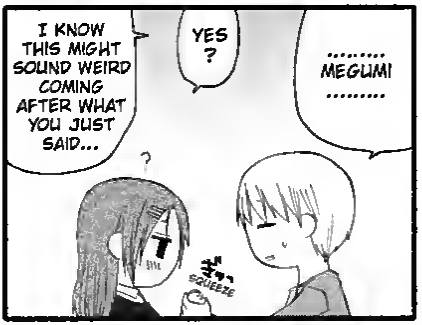
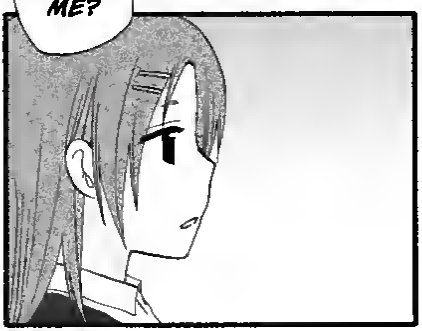
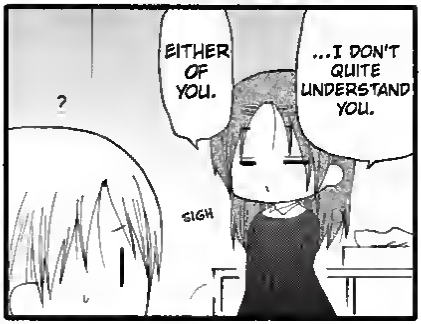
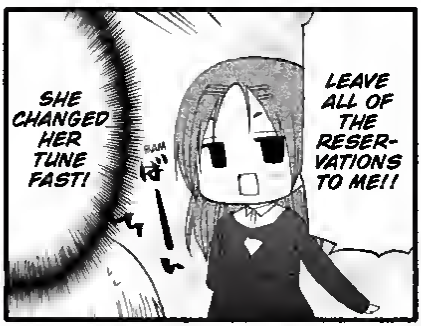


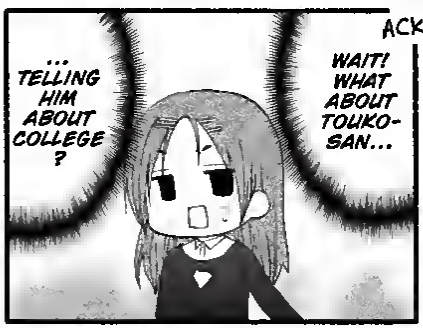




WE'LL SPEND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

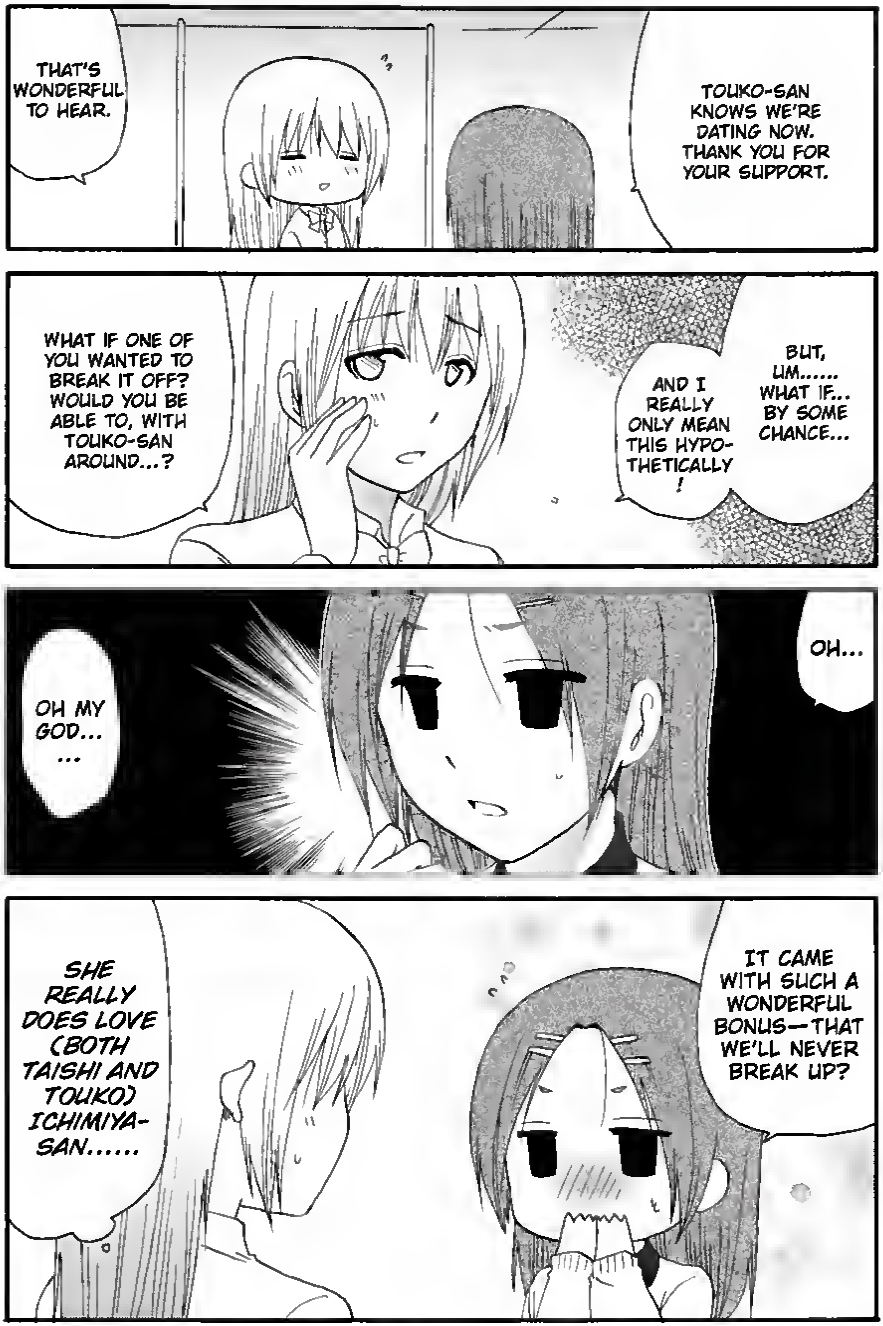


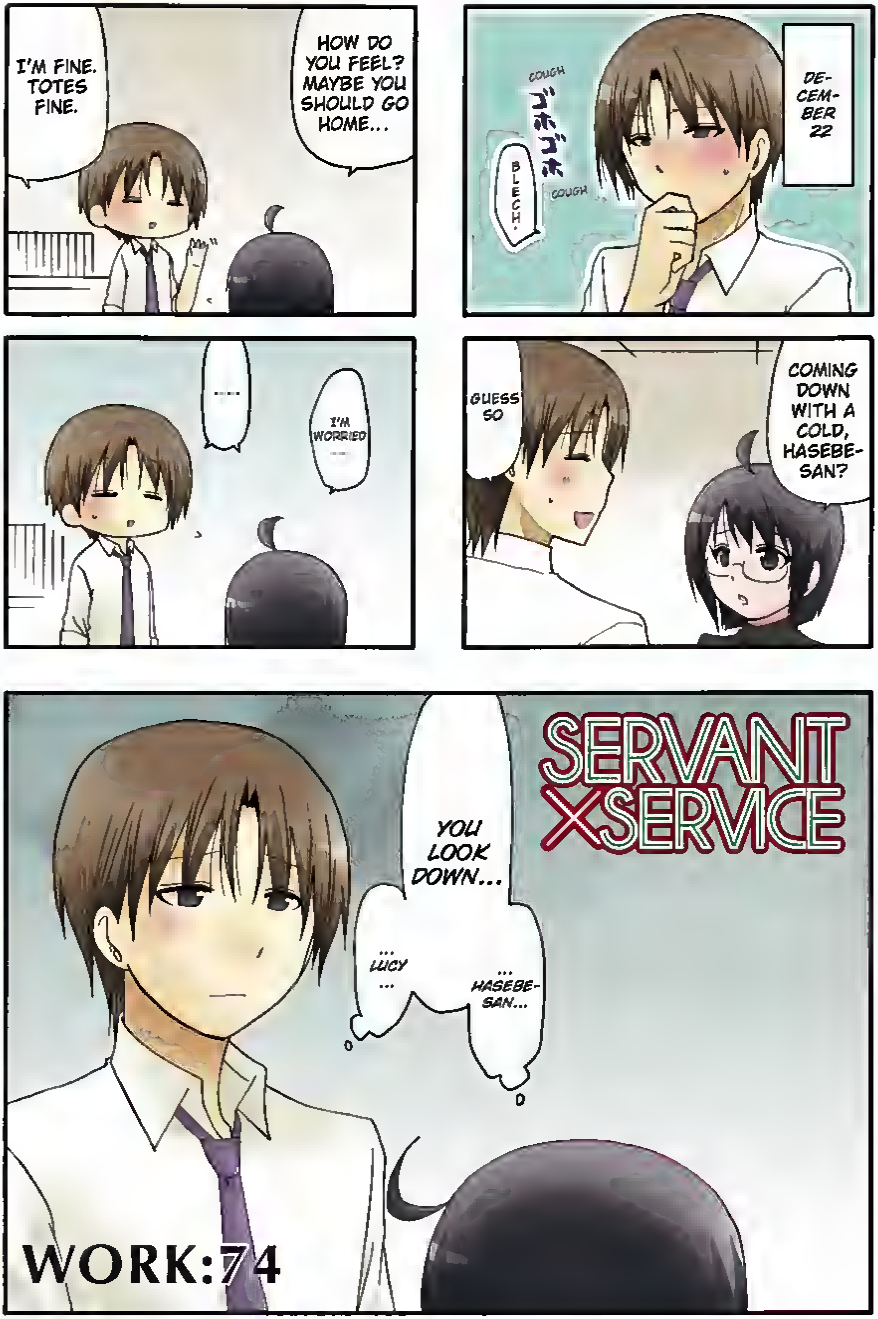




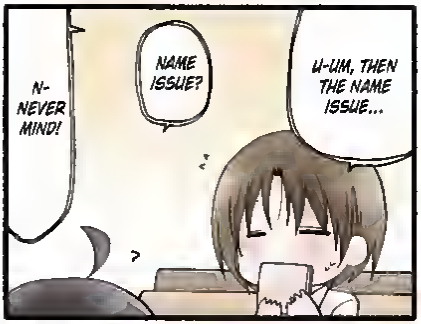
ICHIMIYA'S DECISION

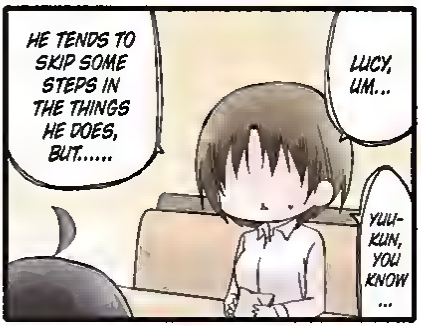
AND JUST WHEN HE HAD A MOMENT OF COOLNESS...
ACTUALLY, I GUESS I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR ANYTHING..
UHH.
TO MAKE UP FOR HOW MUCH I MESSED UP—ERR, NOT TO SAY THAT I DON'T WANT TO SPEND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER—

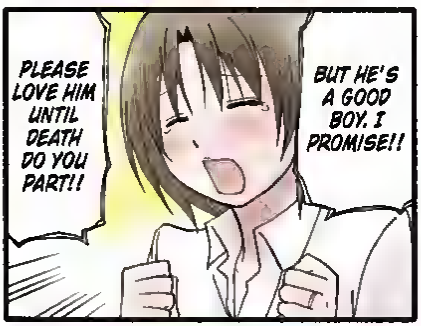

THAT'S WONDERFUL TO HEAR.
TOUKO-SAN KNOWS WE'RE DATING NOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
WHAT IF ONE OF YOU WANTED TO BREAK IT OFF? WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO, WITH TOUKO-SAN AROUND...?
AND I REALLY ONLY MEAN THIS HYPO-THETICALLY!
BUT, UM..... WHAT IF... BY SOME CHANCE...
OH MY GOD... ...
OH...
SHE REALLY DOES LOVE (BOTH TAISHI AND TOUKO) ICHIMIYA-SAN.....
IT CAME WITH SUCH A WONDERFUL BONUS—THAT WE'LL NEVER BREAK UP?

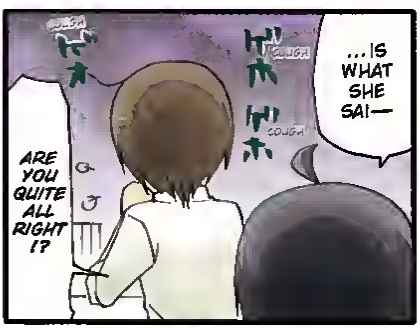

I'M FINE. TOTES FINE.
HOW DO YOU FEEL? MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO HOME...
DE-CEM-BER 22
COUGH
ゲホゲホ
BLECH
COUGH
....
I'M WORRIED
GUESS SO
COMING DOWN WITH A COLD, HASEBE-SAN?
SERVANT X SERVICE
YOU LOOK DOWN...
... LUCY ...
... HASEBE-SAN...
WORK:74

SISTER'S BEST EFFORT

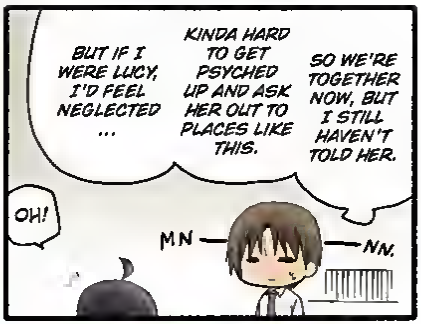


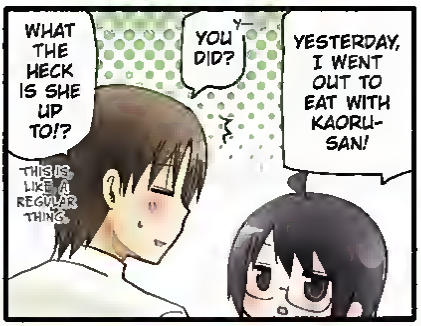


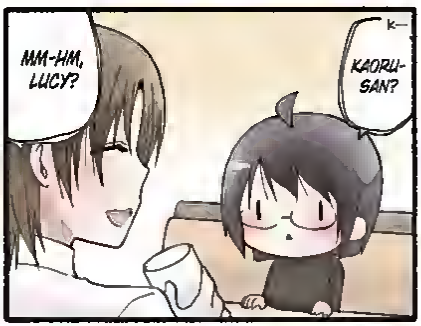


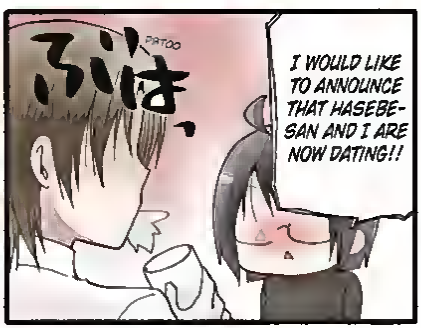


FIRST, A REPORT


BUT IF I WERE LUCY, I'D FEEL NEGLECTED ...
KINDA HARD TO GET PSYCHED UP AND ASK HER OUT TO PLACES LIKE THIS.
SO WE'RE TOGETHER NOW, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T TOLD HER.
OH!
MN
NN.







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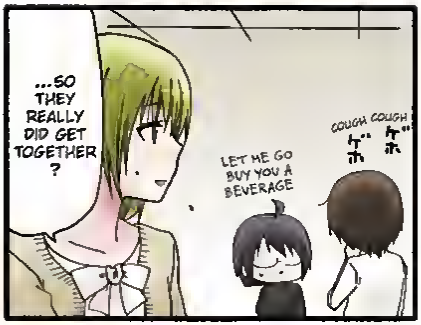
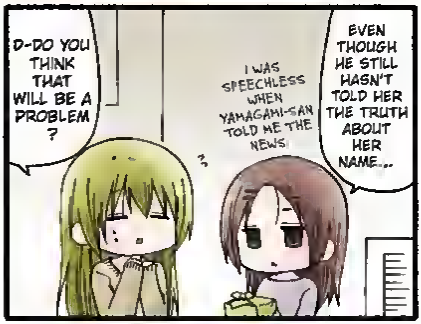
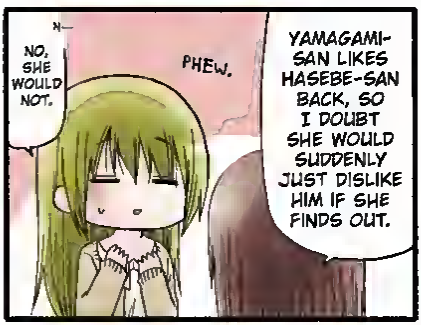
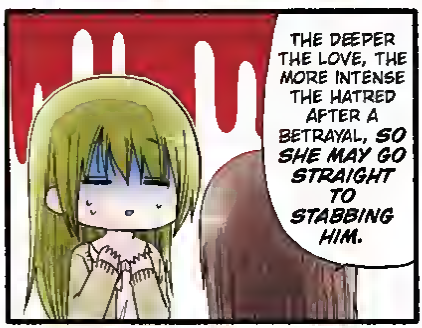



D-DO YOU THINK THAT WILL BE A PROBLEM?
I WAS SPEECHLESS WHEN YAMAGAMI-SAN TOLD ME THE NEWS
EVEN THOUGH HE STILL HASN'T TOLD HER THE TRUTH ABOUT HER NAME...





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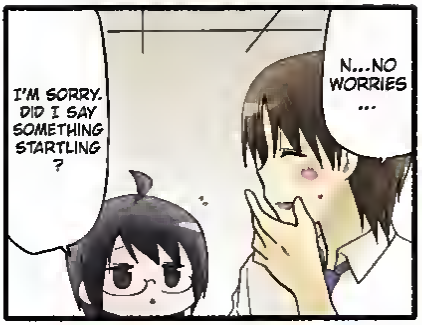

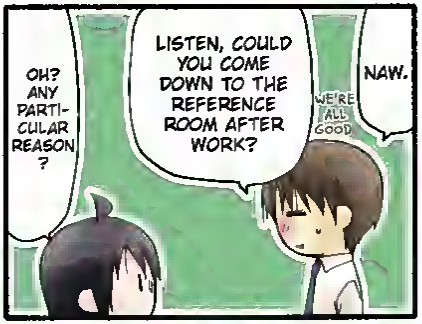

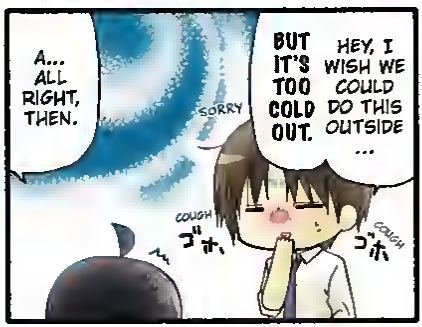

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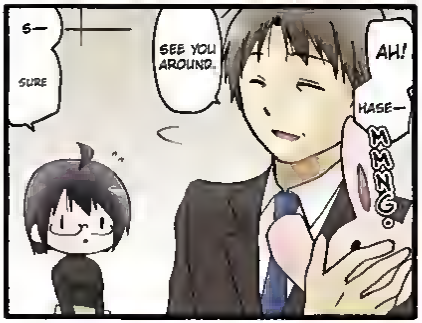
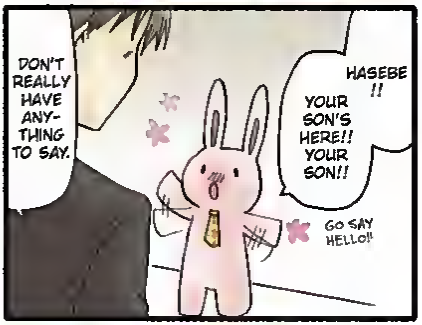
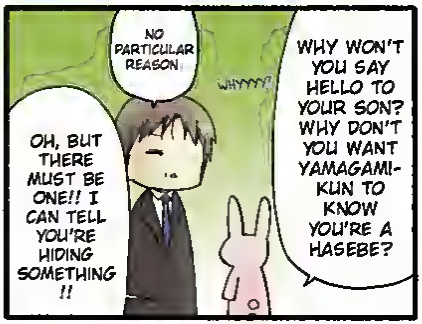
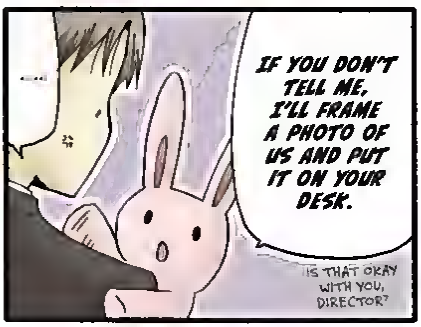
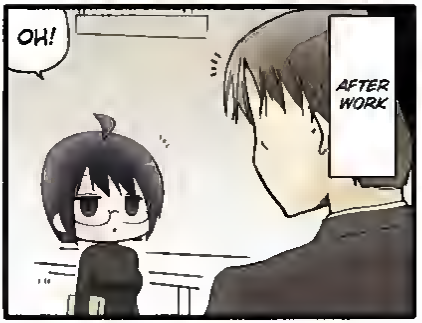


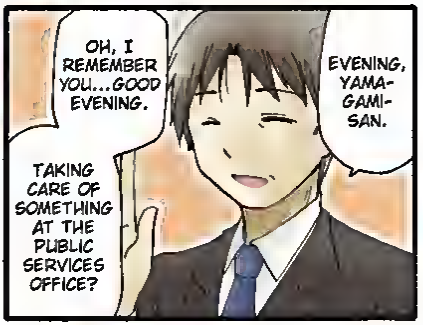


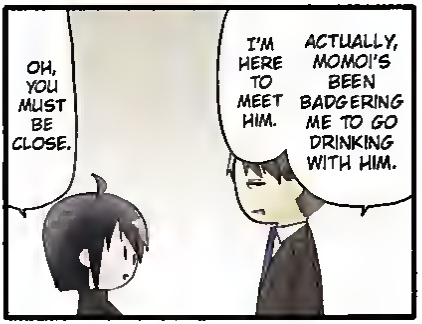

NO PARTICULAR REASON.
WHYYYY?
OH, BUT THERE MUST BE ONE!! I CAN TELL YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING !!
WHY WON'T YOU SAY HELLO TO YOUR SON? WHY DON'T YOU WANT YAMAGAMI-KUN TO KNOW YOU'RE A HASEBE?

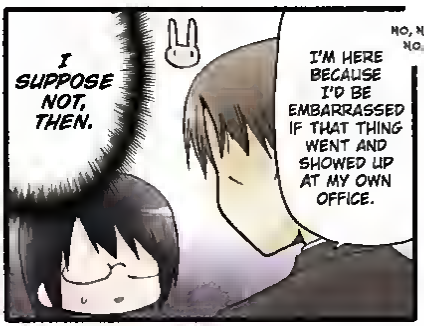


AFTER HIS REUNION

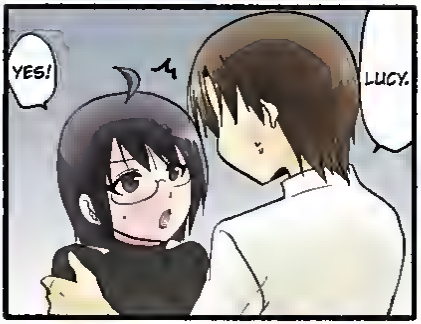


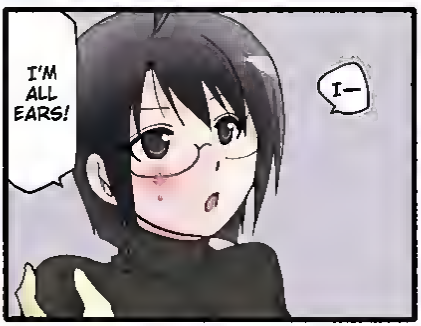


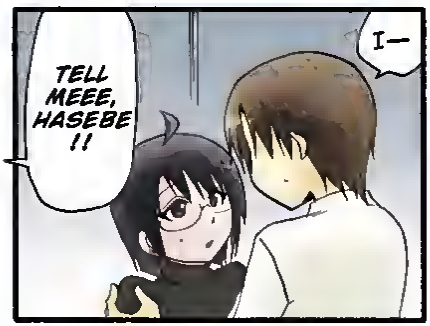




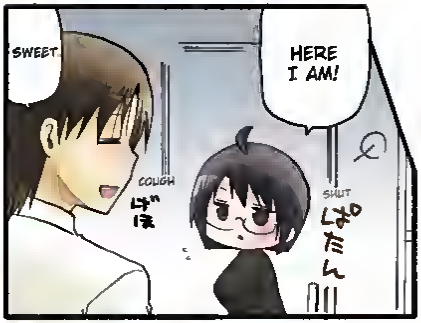
RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

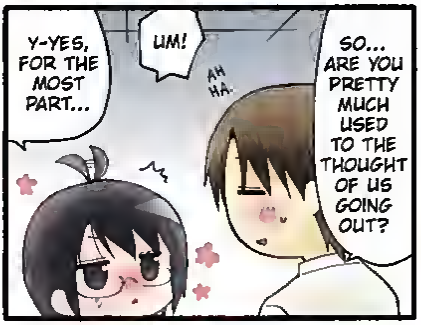


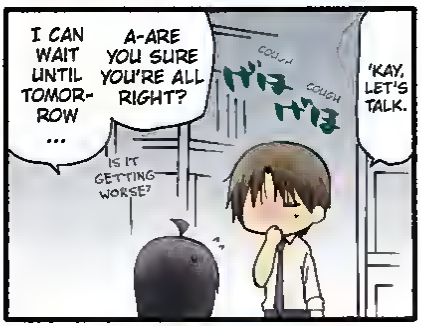


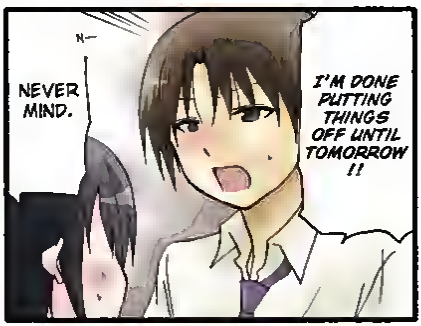


SHALL WE POSTPONE?



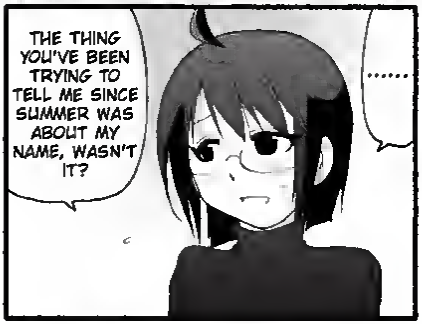






MEANWHILE, THE SON
IS THAT THE CHIEF AND HIS FRIEND TALKING?
FATHER'S EXPLANATION
...LOOK, MY SON IS APPARENTLY INFATUATED WITH YAMAGAMI-SAN, AND I DON'T WANT TO GET IN THE WAY OF THAT.
YOU'RE AWFUL...
I WON'T TELL A SOUL! CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO DIE!!
...THAT YUTAKA'S FATHER WAS THE PUBLIC SERVANT WHO APPROVED THE NAME ON HER BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IT WOULD THROW A WRENCH INTO THE WORKS, DON'TCHA THINK?
IF YAMA-GAMI-SAN FOUND OUT ...
I COULDN'T CONCENTRATE ON MY WORK BECAUSE MY SON HAD A FEVER THAT DAY.
YES, IT WAS ME.
IT WAS YOU!?
...ALL BECAUSE OF HASEBE!!
THEN YAMAGAMI-SAN WAS GIVEN HER NAME...
QUIET DOWN.
BECAUSE YOUR SON HAD A FEVER!?

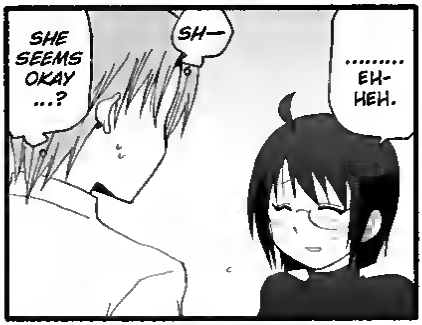
"SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU"



I FEEL SO SILLY FOR MISINTER-PRETING.
WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU LIKED ME, I COMPLETELY ASSUMED THAT WAS WHAT YOU'D WANTED TO SAY ALL ALONG!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER. TELLING SOMEONE YOU LIKE THEM, THAT ISN'T A BIG DEAL AT ALL FOR YOU.
AFTER I GOT SO HAPPY, YOU COULDN'T BRING UP MY NAME.
H-HEY ...

LUCY'S REACTION

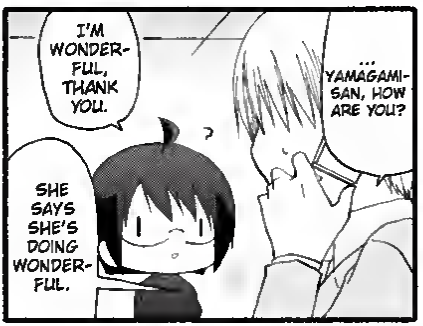


LEFT BEHIND
CULMINATION
.....
NGH.
I'M SORRY
LUCY ...
WATCHING THE GIRL WHO ENDED UP WITH SUCH AN AWFUL NAME BECAUSE OF YOU GET INTO A TIZZY OVER YOU...
.....D... DID YOU HAVE YOUR FUN?
W—
WAI ...
I HAVE TO GO!
DASH
NO, I—
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE.
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T TEASE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH ROMANCE.
...T.
SLUMP
.....
... JERK.
DIZZY
DIZZY
...REALLY DOES RUIN EVERY-THING.
THIS STUPID NAME ...

HER CONCERN

OH, I SEE.
I GUESS HE DIDN'T GET ANY BETTER OVER OUR HOLIDAY YESTERDAY.
H-HE'S NOT JUST SKIPPING WORK. HE SOUNDED PRETTY BAD OFF.
UH

COMPLETE 180



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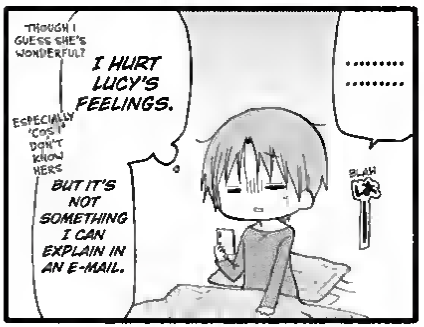
THOUGH I GUESS SHE'S WONDERFUL?
I HURT LUCY'S FEELINGS.
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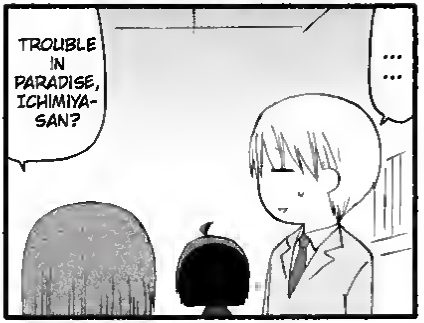
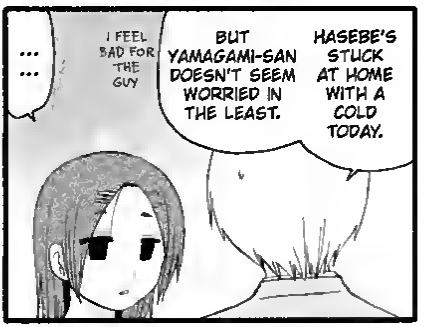
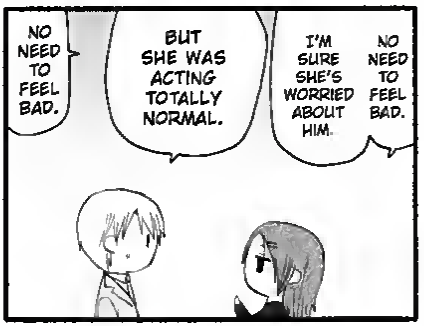
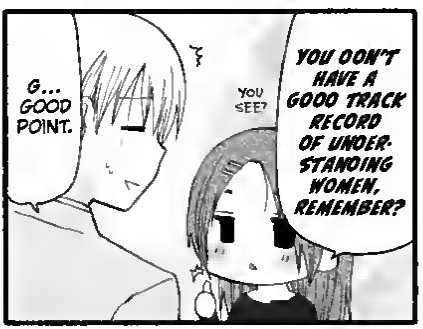
ESPECIALLY 'COS I DON'T KNOW HERS
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN EXPLAIN IN AN E-MAIL.
BLAH

NO NEED TO FEEL BAD









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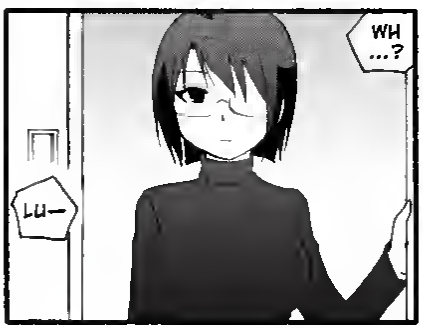

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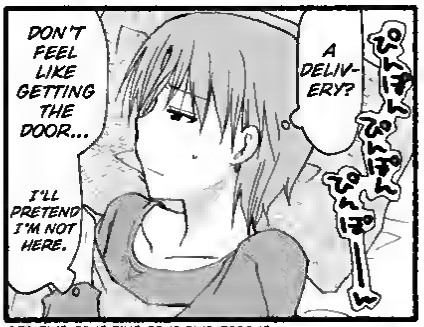

SFX. DING-DONG DING-DONG DING-DOOONG

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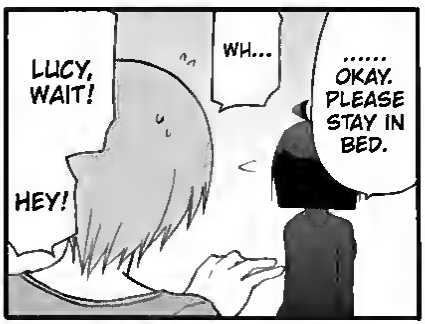
SERVANT × SERVICE
LAST TIME:
THANKS FOR READING.
WORK:75


LUCY, WAIT!
WH...
..... OKAY. PLEASE STAY IN BED.
HEY!

L... LUCY ...?
.....
UHH...

YES'M !
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STAY.

U-UHH ..... SURE.
..... DO YOU HAVE AN APPETITE ?
HUH !?

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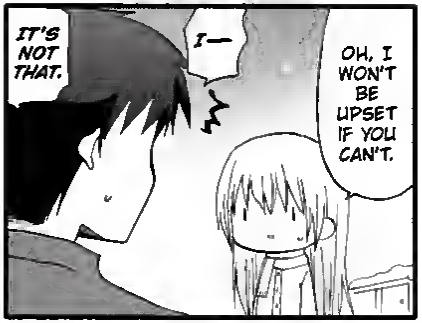

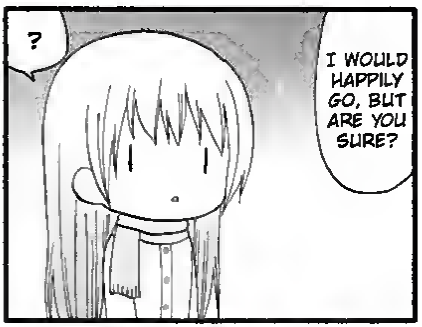

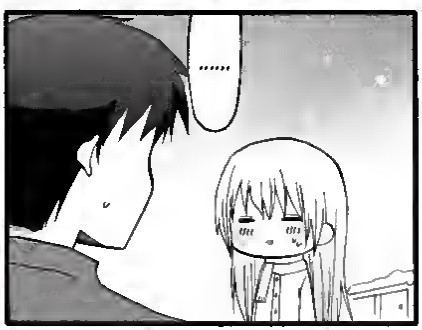

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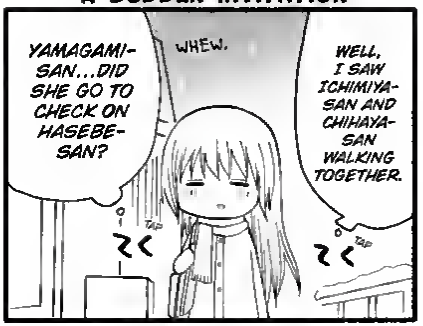
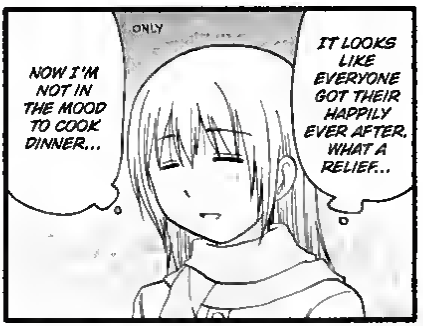
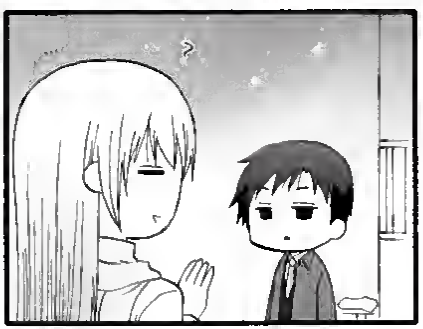
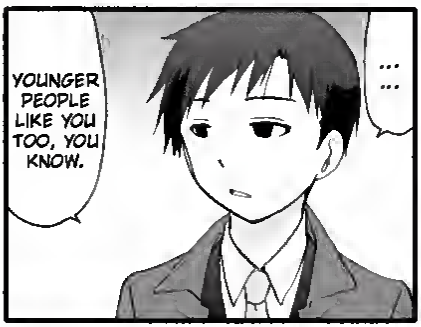


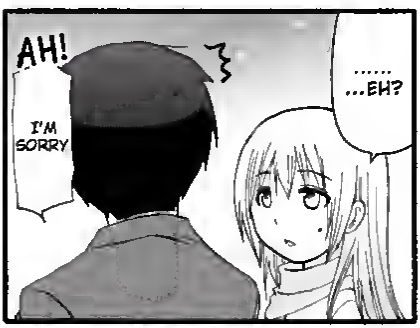




WHO LIKES HER

I DON'T HAVE ANY CALIBER, OTHER THAN THE ELDERLY LIKING ME.
NO REASON TO BE.
IT'S A STRANGE WORLD
I'M SURPRISED SOMEONE OF YOUR CALIBER DOESN'T HAVE A DATE...
TAP
TAP





MIYOSHI AND GEORGE'S EVE

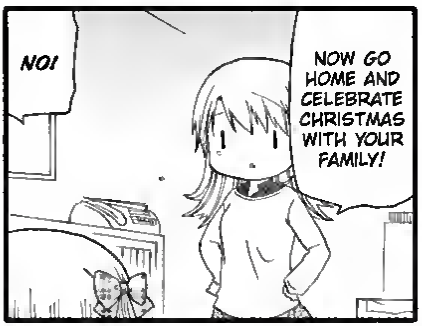
I'LL BEAT YOU!!
YOU'RE SURE YOU WANT TO BE IN THE EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE SITUATION OF TAKING A RANDOM MAN TO EAT BARBECUE ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

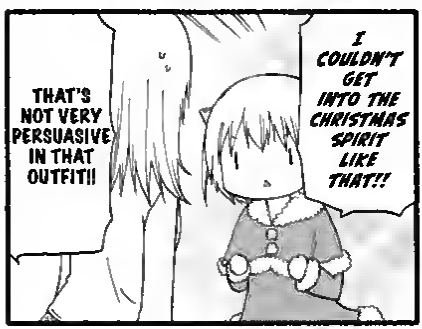
CHIHAYA'S DREAM FOR YEARS

HUH?
PERSONALLY, I DON'T MIND IF THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE AROUND.
I'M JUST MINDING MY MANNERS.
MMPH!
.....
.....
PHEW.
THAT TAKES CARE OF MY DREAM TO MAKE OUT ON CHRISTMAS EVE.
THAT'S MY GIRL-FRIEND... A FREE SPIRIT.

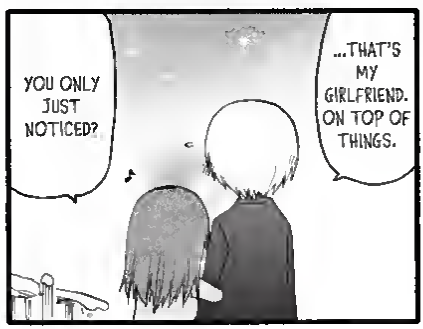
CHIHAYA AND ICHIMIYA'S EVE

TOUKO'S EVE

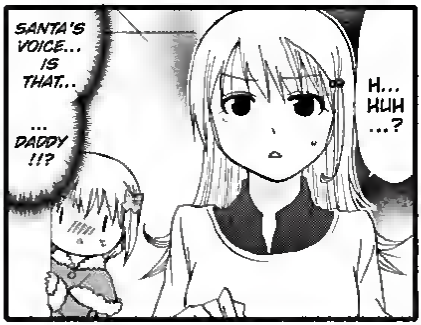


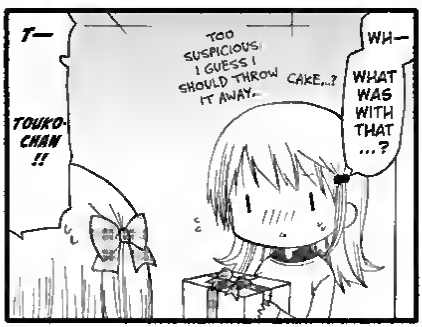


THE DAY SHE'S DREAMED OF

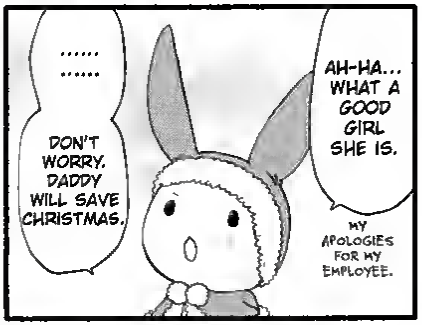


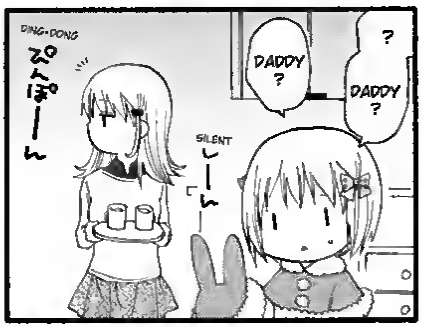
MERRY CHRISTMAS



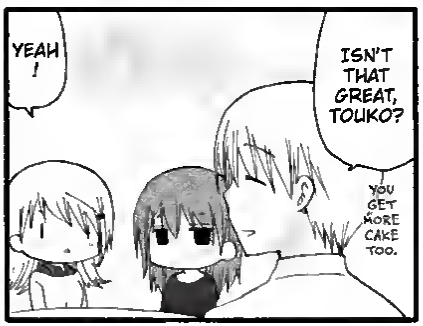


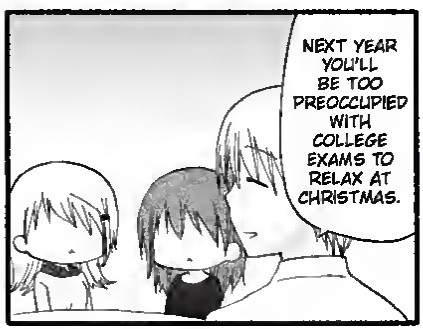
PRESENTS FOR GOOD CHILDREN



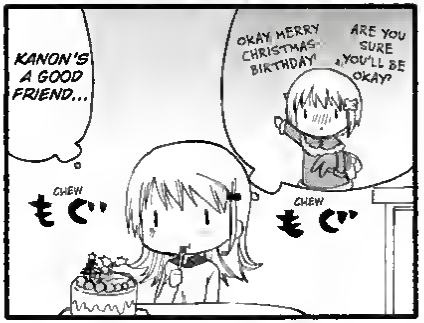


WITH THAT, ALL IS A-OKAY?



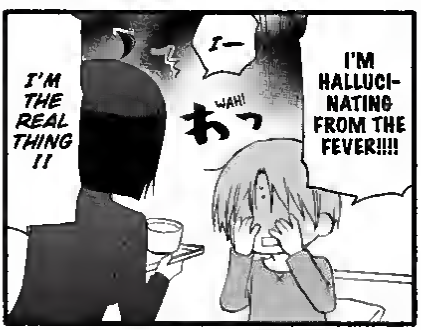


JOYFUL CHRISTMAS CAKE

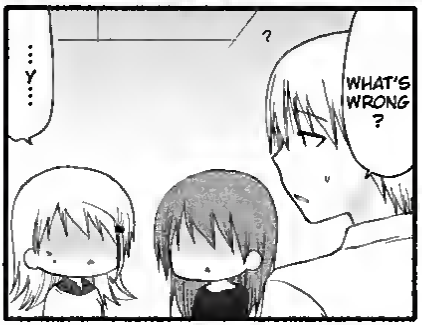


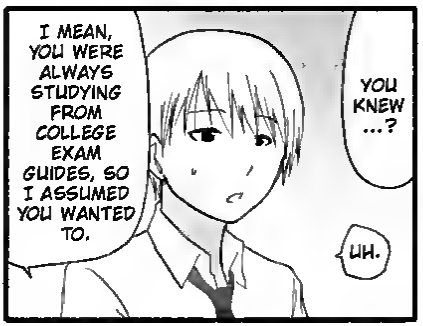
REALLY, REALLY SORRY...
U...UM. .WE'RE SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU ALL ALONE ON CHRISTMAS EVE...
DID I LOOK THAT PITIFUL!?
SHE'S EATING CAKE ALONE...

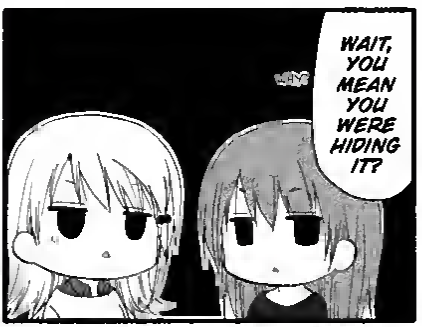
HASEBE'S EVE



THE EPITOME OF BEING WORRIED FOR NOTHING







SOME CURSE
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SOONER...
I'M SERIOUSLY SORRY.
I ALWAYS WIMPED OUT...
I KEPT TRYING TO, BUT THE THOUGHT OF YOU HATING ME...
I JUST LIKE YOU SO MUCH.
AND, UH..... MY TIMING ALWAYS TURNED OUT TO SUCK.....
I'VE GOT TO BE CURSED.
SERIOUSLY.
ABOUT THE MISCOMMUNICATION
YOU WERE SICK. I SHOULDN'T HAVE ABANDONED YOU.
I'M SO SORRY!!
..... NO, UH...
I REALIZE THAT NOW THAT I'VE HAD A DAY TO COOL OFF .....
AND, UM...I SAID SOME AWFUL THINGS...
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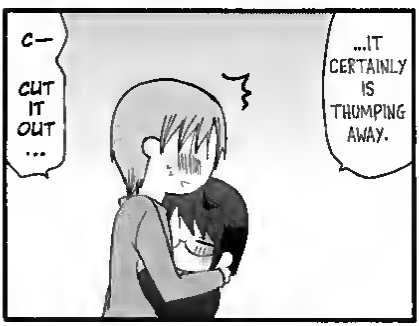
.....
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE... UM...
WAIT !!!!
I'LL SEE MYSELF OUT, THEN!!
GET WELL SOON.

PROOF HE MEANS IT



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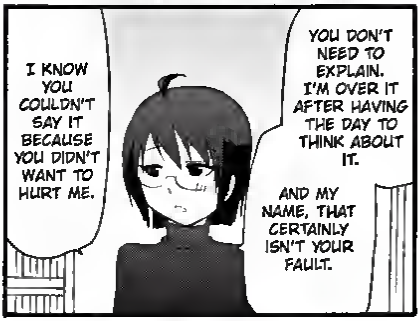
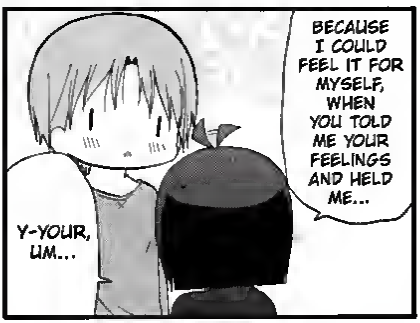
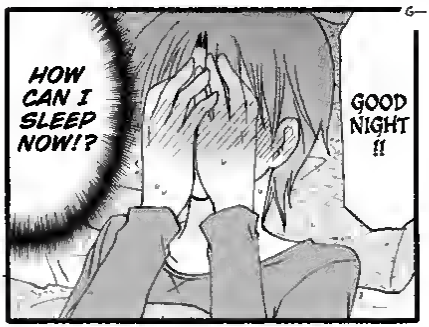

I KNOW YOU COULDN'T SAY IT BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ME.
YOU DON'T NEED TO EXPLAIN. I'M OVER IT AFTER HAVING THE DAY TO THINK ABOUT IT.
AND MY NAME, THAT CERTAINLY ISN'T YOUR FAULT.

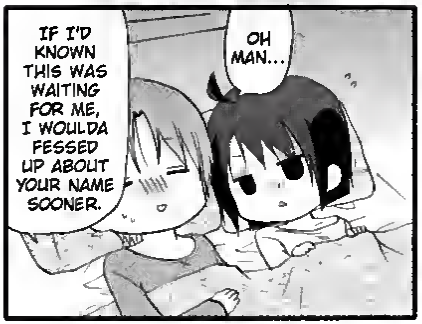


BECAUSE NEITHER WILL GIVE
WANT TO BE TOGETHER
I CAN SLEEP ON THE FLOOR!!
I WON'T DO ANY-THING!! I SWEAR!!
WHAT!?
YOU'RE SICK! I COULDN'T MAKE YOU SLEEP ON THE FLOOR!!
NOT TODAY!!
I SHOULD BE ON MY WAY.
W...WELL, AHEM, I SHOULDN'T KEEP YOU UP TOO LONG. YOU NEED YOUR REST.
.....
.....
SERIOUSLY. PLEASE. IF I WAKE UP ALONE TOMORROW MORNING, I'LL THINK THIS WAS ALL A DREAM.
IT'S OKAY. I'M MOSTLY BETTER.
...STAY THE NIGHT, LUCY.
YOU SAID YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, SO I BOUGHT IT.
I BROUGHT SOME FOOD YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO EAT WHILE SICK, AND I'LL LEAVE THE KNIFE ALSO.
I DON'T FEEL RIGHT LEAVING HIM ALONE
SICK,
IF I
THEN WE'LL COM-PROMISE ...
F... FINE ...
HASEBE-SAN SLEEP ON THE
I DOUBT
OFFER
HOW
A PRO
FLOOR
AND HE'LL LISTEN IF I TO DO SO. NOW, CAN WE BOTH GET NIGHT'S REST?
I HAVE WORK TOMOR-ROW.
AND I DON'T HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES !!
AH!
N-NO, I CAN'T!!
I—
I'M GOOD!
YOU'RE SWEATING A LOT... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MAYBE, OR MAYBE NOT
YOUR CLOTHES ARE ALL THE SAME. NO ONE WILL NOTICE.

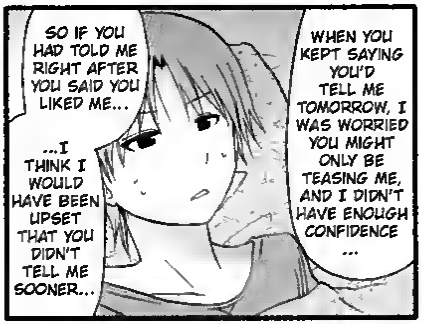
THE PERFECT TIMING



THAT EXACT MOMENT



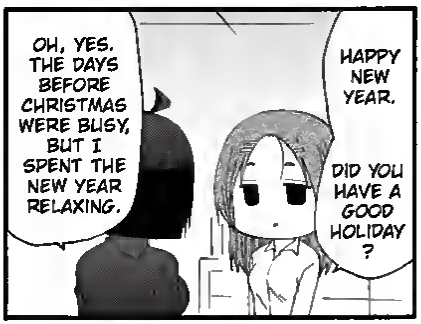
...I THINK I WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN AFRAID OF YOU AND YOUR EXPERIENCE HANDLING WOMEN AND TURNED YOU DOWN.
HUH?
IF YOU HAD TOLD ME RIGHT AFTER OUR DATE...
WELL ...


SO IF YOU HAD TOLD ME RIGHT AFTER YOU SAID YOU LIKED ME...
...I THINK I WOULD HAVE BEEN UPSET THAT YOU DIDN'T TELL ME SOONER...
WHEN YOU KEPT SAYING YOU'D TELL ME TOMORROW, I WAS WORRIED YOU MIGHT ONLY BE TEASING ME, AND I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH CONFIDENCE ...

LUCY, THAT'S WAY TOO DIFFICULT !!
I WAS ALSO ABLE TO COOL OFF THE NEXT DAY
IF I HADN'T LEARNED ABOUT IT AT THE EXACT MOMENT THAT I DID, YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD A CHANCE!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR.
JANUARY 4
FIRST WORK DAY OF THE NEW YEAR

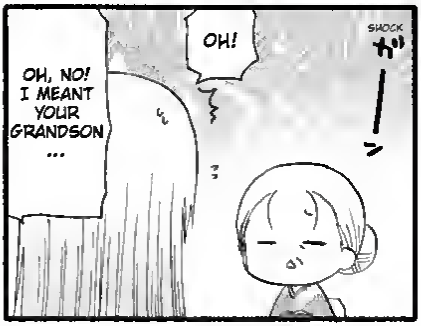
YES?
...CHI-HAYA-SAN.

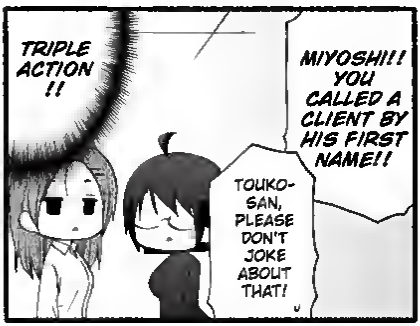

HAPPY NEW YEAR.
DID YOU HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY?
OH, YES. THE DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS WERE BUSY, BUT I SPENT THE NEW YEAR RELAXING.

WHAT!!!?
ACTUALLY, ICHIMIYA-SAN AND I ARE GOING OUT.

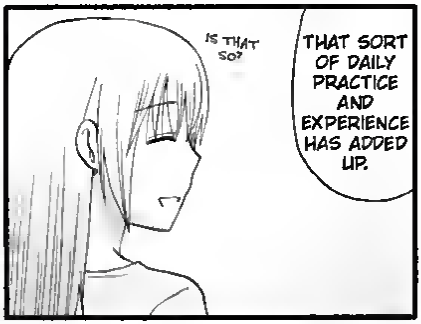
THIS YEAR, HASEBE-SAN AND I WILL START DATING OFFICIALLY.
I HOPE TO BECOME HIP TO ALL THINGS ROMANCE!

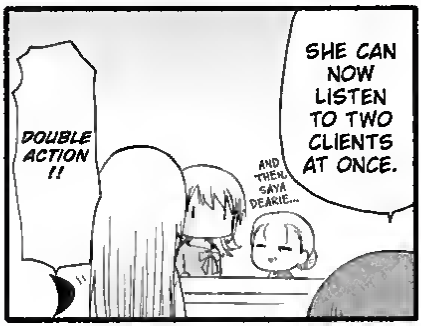
MIYOSHI'S EVOLUTION





MIYOSHI'S GROWTH

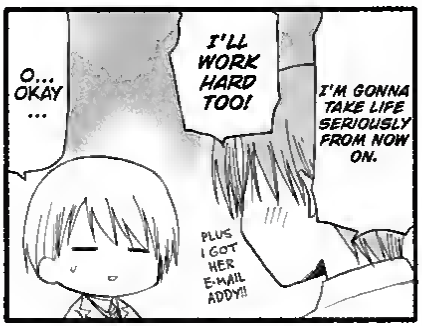


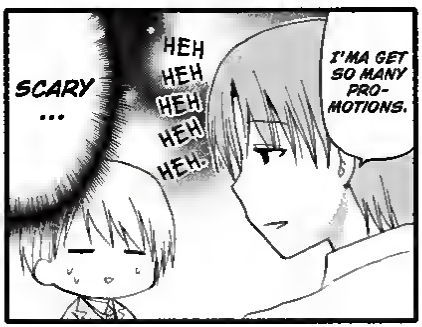


HASEBE'S EVOLUTION

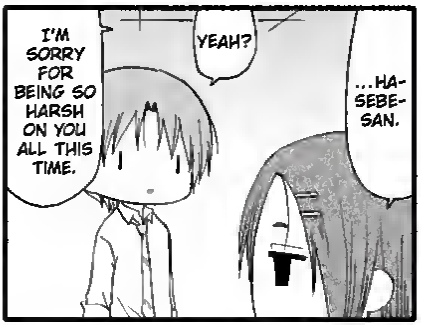
ABSO-LUTELY.
DON'T GO TOO CRAZY, OKAY?
IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD IF YOU'RE SO FOCUSED ON THE JOB THAT YOU START NEGLECTING YAMAGAMI-SAN.

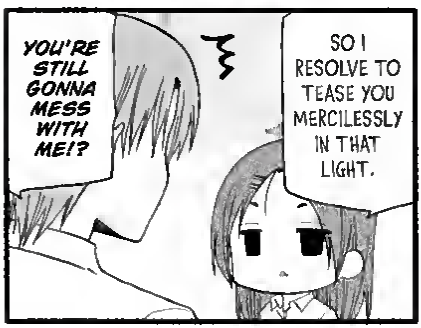
HASEBE'S GROWTH





CHIHAYA'S EVOLUTION





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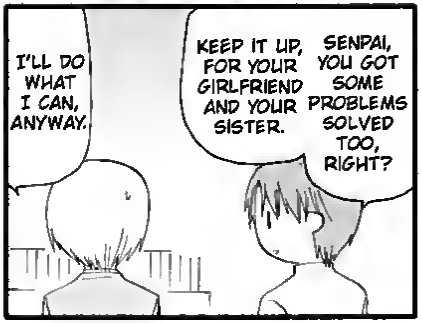
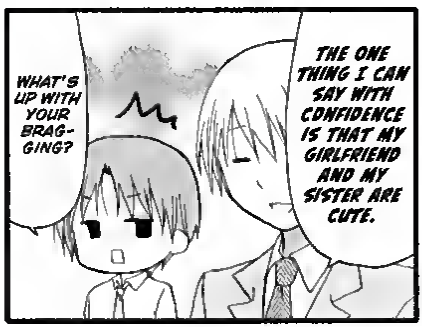
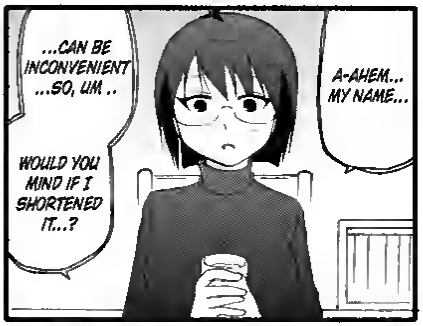
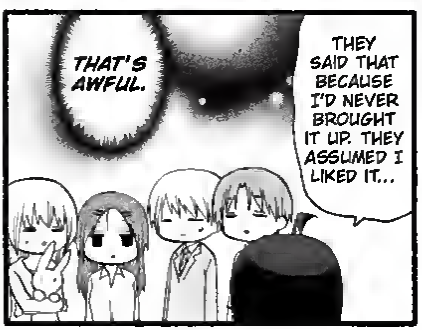




A YAMAGAMI FAMILY NEW YEAR





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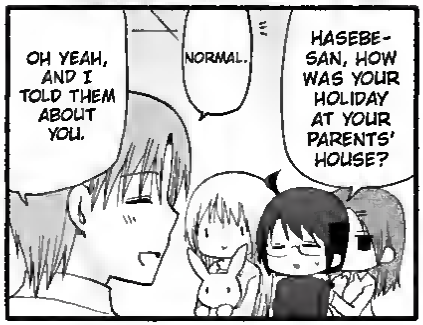
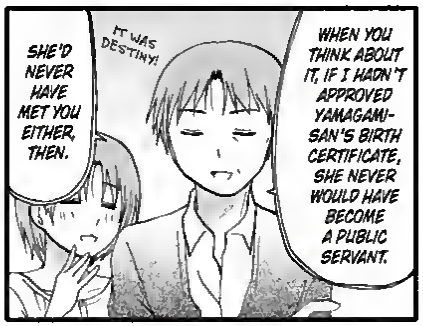
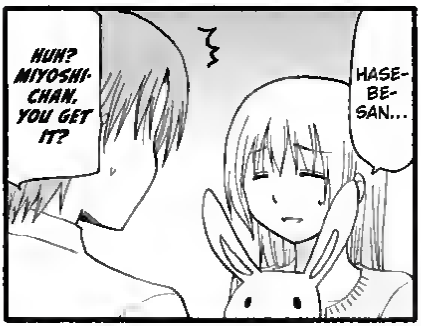
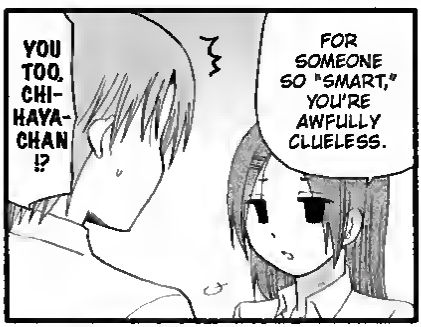


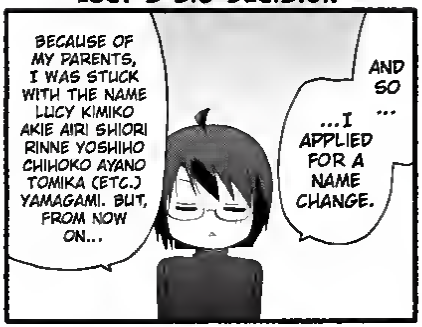

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IF I HADN'T APPROVED YAMAGAMI-SAN'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, SHE NEVER WOULD HAVE BECOME A PUBLIC SERVANT.
IT WAS DESTINY!
SHE'D NEVER HAVE MET YOU EITHER, THEN.

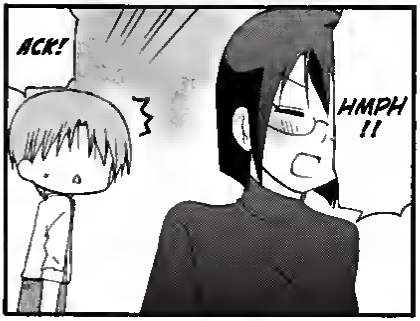
CLUELESS GUY

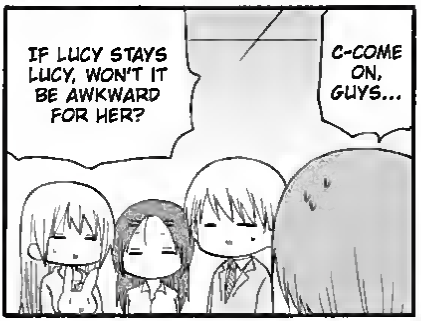


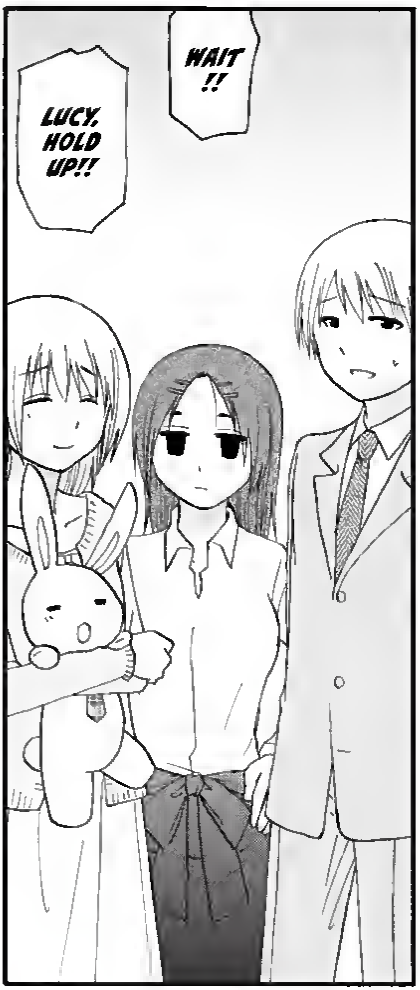


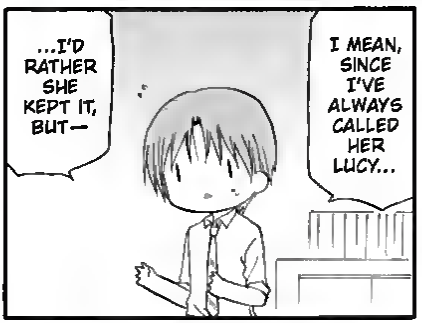
LUCY'S BIG DECISION

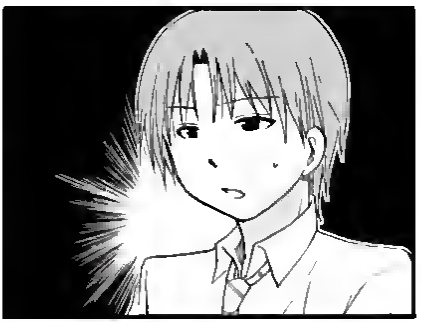

BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS, I WAS STUCK WITH THE NAME LUCY KIMIKO AKIE AIRI SHIORI RINNE YOSHIHO CHIHOKO AYANO TOMIKA (ETC.) YAMAGAMI. BUT, FROM NOW ON...
AND SO ... ...I APPLIED FOR A NAME CHANGE.


ACK!
HMPH !!


IF LUCY STAYS LUCY, WON'T IT BE AWKWARD FOR HER?
C-COME ON, GUYS...


WAIT !!
LUCY, HOLD UP!!


...I'D RATHER SHE KEPT IT, BUT—
I MEAN, SINCE I'VE ALWAYS CALLED HER LUCY...



...I CALL HER LUCY!?
IT'S BE-CAUSE ...

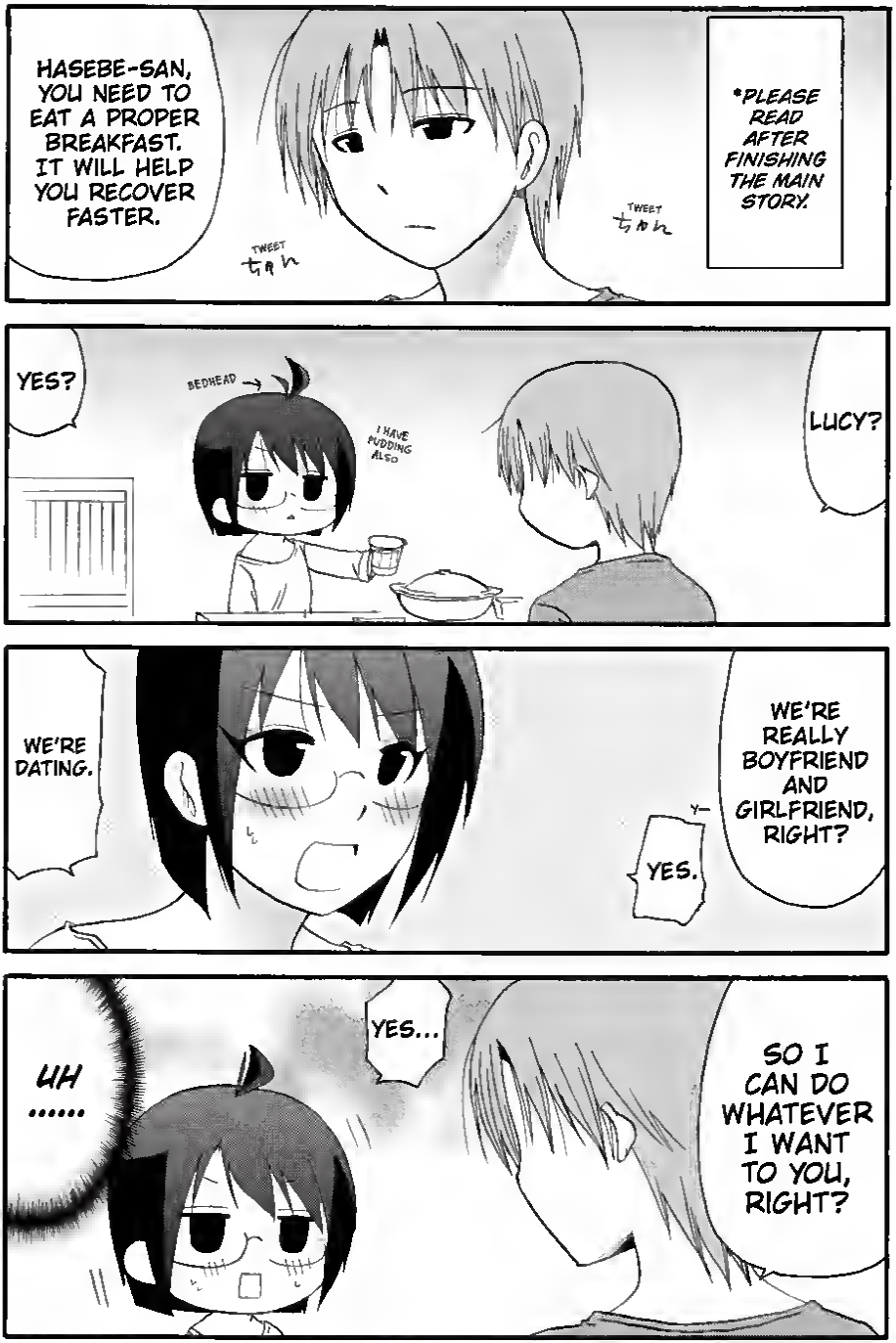
HMPH !!
IT'S TIME TO START WORKING.
LUCY! THAT MAKES ME SUPER HAPPY, LUCY!!
LET'S GO ON A DATE, LUCY!!
PLEASE SAVE PERSONAL TALK FOR AFTER WORK!!

THIS SERIES BEGAN IN AN IRREGULAR SPECIAL-ISSUE MAGAZINE PUBLISHED ON A FEW FIFTH FRIDAYS EVERY YEAR, AND IT TOOK SEVEN YEARS FOR FOUR VOLUMES OF IT TO COME OUT. THE SERIES GETTING PUBLISHED IN COLLECTED VOLUMES, GETTING AN ANIME ADAPTATION, AND NOW FINALLY BEING COMPLETED IS ALL THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU READERS, MY EDITOR, MY ASSISTANTS, AND EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

THIS MANGA WON'T BE CHANGING ANY LIVES, BUT IF IT HELPS LESSEN THAT CURIOUS DREAD YOU FEEL WHEN YOU NEED TO VISIT YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT ALL, THEN I'M GLAD.

GOOD-BYE AND TAKE CARE. I HOPE WE CAN MEET AGAIN ONE DAY, IN ANOTHER SERIES.

KARINO TAKATSU


HASEBE-SAN, YOU NEED TO EAT A PROPER BREAKFAST. IT WILL HELP YOU RECOVER FASTER.
TWEET
TWEET
*PLEASE READ AFTER FINISHING THE MAIN STORY.
YES?
BEDHEAD →
I HAVE PUDDING ALSO
LUCY?
WE'RE DATING.
YES.
WE'RE REALLY BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
UH .....
YES...
SO I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT TO YOU, RIGHT?

WH-WHAT IS IT?
THUD
どしーっ
ずりずりずりずり
CRAWL CRAWL CRAWL CRAWL
I'M BEGGING YOU, LUCY!
UMM, I HAVE TO GO TO WORK—
THERE'S SOMETHING I'M DYING TO DO WITH YOU.
YOU KNOW!?
HAAH!?
I JUST NEED TO PUT IT IN.
I'LL MAKE IT FAST.
HE WANTED MY E-MAIL ADDRESS ...?
DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

SERVANT
SERVICE

FLAP BONUS

DEFI-
NITE-
LY.
YAMAGAMI-
SAN AND
HER BATCH
ARE CAPABLE
WORKERS,
THEY TRULY
ARE.
I HOPE
THEY'LL
TAKE
AFTER
YOU,
ICHIMIYA-
KUN.
BUT THEY
COULD
SHOW ME
A LITTLE
MORE
RESPECT.
HA
HA
HA!
HUH?
HUH?
?
HUH!?
I DON'T
PARTIC-
ULARLY
RESPECT
YOU,
SIR.

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